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Fourth Estate

In the single paragraph devoted to an account of my hypothetical willingness to "film an enemy ambush of American troops without attempting to warn his countrymen..." Joseph Farah suggests that I crossed the line between "objective reporter and social advocate."

The oversimplification in Farah's "Inside the Fourth Estate" (April) would lead your readers—one of whom wrote me to this effect—to believe that I am "devoid of any human feeling concerning morality, ethics and the difference between right and wrong." The full PBS broadcast about reportorial ethics in covering military stories, in which the hypothetical case was put, was much more complicated, subtle and nettlesome than Farah was able to convey in that one paragraph.

As a reporter who had served as a Naval Reserve officer in World War II and later spent several months working in Vietnam in 1967 and again in 1970 and 1971, I am hardly stone-hearted enough to watch my countrymen die in ambush, as a disinterested spectator. The particular discussion in the broadcast Farah writes about centered on the responsibility of the reporter who is covering the war from the enemy side of the lines, on his effort to cover the story objectively and dispassionately, plus his concern for his own life and that of his camera crew, who are caught in unexpected and bloody action.

The dilemma was not easy to handle on the broadcast in question; it still gives me trouble.

Mike Wallace CBS News/60 Minutes New York

Flag Thoughts

The American flag is on the front burner again. Practically every one of us who has served in the military hopes that the Supreme Court will reverse the findings of the two lower courts, which have decreed that the public burning of the flag is permitted as a right of free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

In the drawers of chests, in foot lockers or in places of honor in hundreds of thousands of homes in America are folded American flags given to mothers, widows or loved ones by a chaplain or a high-ranking officer attending the burial of a deceased soldier. Those Stars and Stripes have encapsulated a spirit, and in many minds, a soul. From time to time, the soldier's loved ones caress that flag in reverence, in pride and in love for him.

Yes, I agree that the American flag is symbolic to many, but to veterans it is much more. It is an institution, and its burning, like the burning of the U.S. Capitol building, is not related to the abridgement of a right, but to arson.

Lt. Gen. William W. Quinn (USA Ret.) Washington, D.C.

Lonely Fight

I am elated because of the turn of events in Eastern Europe. However, our euphoria over what has happened shouldn't be so great that we fail to note the fate of those who continue to be forced to live under the yoke of the Soviet Union. The brave people of the republic of Lithuania continue to fight for their freedom. Theirs has been a lonely fight. While other Eastern European nations gain their independence, Lithuanians continue to live under the same oppression they have endured for 50 years.

Joseph Arlaukas Gloucester, Va.

Bonus Question

Blackside Inc., producers of public television specials, are seeking World War I veterans, their wives and children who participated in the 1932 Bonus March in Washington, D.C. If you're willing to share your memories write: Eric Neudel, Blackside Inc., 486 Shawmut Ave., Boston, MA 02118, or call (617) 536-6900, Ext. 239.

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In response to Katherine Haig's letter (May) in which she seeks a commemorative postal stamp issued in honor of women who served in the military, she should be advised that in

1952, a 3 cent stamp was issued. It depicted women in the Marine Corps, Army, Navy and the Coast Guard. It should have included the women who served as nurses and those who served in the Army Air Corps.

J. L. Tuohy Brooklyn, N.Y.

Another Insult

The latest finding on Agent Orange is another slap in the face of the American veteran. This continues a long, consistent chain of denials from our government that the hazards our servicemen are exposed to are service connected. From the atomic bomb tests in the Arizona desert and the Marshall Islands to the current dispute over Agent Orange, American servicemen are plagued by unexplained disabilities and health problems.

Carl N. Brown Louisville, Ky.

Missing Vets

In 1992, Alaska and Canada will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the building of the Alaska Highway. WWII veterans of the 93rd, 94th, 95th, 97th and 388th Army Engineers battalions will be honored for their part in the construction of the highway. However, representatives of these black battalions are missing.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of these veterans is urged to contact James Eaton, Black Archives, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, P.O. Box 809, Tallahassee, FL 32307, telephone (904) 599-3020.

Lael Morgan Fairbanks, Alaska

Memento

I recently obtained a Japanese flag with a number of signatures on it. The inscription reads "98th Division, Company B, 390 lnf., Osaka, Honshu, Japan." I'm sure that someone whose name is on the flag would like to have this memento.

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WALKING THE POINT FOR AMERICA AND ITS VETERANS

T'S HARD to believe that almost a year has slipped away since that hot afternoon in Baltimore when I took the oath of National Commander of The American Legion. Together, we pledged to walk the point for our nation, and for the men and women who served it so admirably.

We've walked quite a distance since that time, and have witnessed and participated in some of the most climactic events ever to occur in America. It's been a period of struggle and success, and I've often called upon you to help meet each challenge. And you never let me down.

My tenure began with an ongoing controversy that our country has yet to resolve. As I write this message, I have just learned the U.S. Supreme Court upheld two federal court rulings that the Flag Protection Act of 1989 is unconstitutional and inhibits the exercise of free speech (See story, page 38). It comes as no surprise to The American Legion, and that's why we've maintained from the onset of the *Texas v. Johnson* Supreme Court decision in June 1989 that the U.S. Flag should be protected from physical desecration by a constitutional amendment.

On June 21, one year to the day that the Supreme Court ruled that flag burning was protected as freedom of expression, the House of Representatives voted down a proposal, 254-177, calling for a constitutional amendment to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. Flag.

According to a Gallup Poll in July 1989, more than 90 percent said they disagreed with the high court's ruling and 64 percent said they would support an amendment that would make flag desceration illegal. A similar poll conducted in May 1990 showed that 71 percent would support an amendment.



Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling

With the Supreme Court's recent ruling, and Congress' it's imperative that I remind each of you to urge congressional incumbents and challengers in your districts to support this critical amendment issue in the future.

There are other issues besides the flag amendment that are a long way from being resolved. As most of you know, much of the Legion's efforts have been spent attempting to secure compensation and administrative support for Vietnam veterans with health problems linked to Agent Orange exposure.

Before my election, the Legion was awarded a \$547,756 grant to help certain Vietnam veterans and their families. At this writing, four Legion Departments — Kansas, Kentucky, New York and Pennsylvania — have launched programs which will direct needy veterans and their loved ones to a variety of social services and programs. Eight other Legion Departments plan to enter the program this year.

We were also closely involved in sev-

eral legislative initiatives on Capitol Hill. The Legion successfully lobbied for H.R. 901, which extended the Veterans Readjustment Appointment to Dec. 31, 1993; and extended programs for respite care and chronically ill veterans to Sept. 30, 1992. The Legion testified frequently on the continuing trend of VA funding shortfalls.

At press time, VA's medical spending faced more than \$150 million in automatic cuts mandated by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced-budget act. The Legion continues to demand that such cuts should not come from services of those who have given so much to the nation—our veterans.

We've faced many challenges over the last several months; we've experienced many triumphs. Membership will easily exceed 3 million as we march into the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis for the 72nd National Convention.

While you've shown your dedication to your country, flag and fellow veterans, you also have demonstrated your devotion to mutual helpfulness. When Hurricane Hugo and the northern California earthquake struck in the fall of 1989, you immediately responded with your cash and in-kind donations to Legionnaires and their families who were victims, and Legion Posts damaged in the disasters. Thanks to your generosity, almost \$500,000 has been raised for the Legion's re-established National Emergency Fund that will be used to help victims of future disasters.

When I accepted the nomination as National Commander last September, I said the only way we would succeed was to walk the point together, come what may. We went the distance, and I thank each and every one of you who helped make this year a success. I am proud to have served as the National Commander of the world's largest, fastest growing and best veterans' organization—The American Legion.

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SHOULD WOMEN SERVE IN COMBAT?

F THOSE who responded to the question "Should women be allowed to serve in all capacities in the U.S. military, including combat?" which was published in the May issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, the majority believed women should not serve in combat. On both sides, respondents expressed strong feelings about women serving in combat. Some maintained that service in combat is a woman's right, but most of the 73 percent majority cited physical limitations and traditional values as reasons why women should

not be allowed in direct combat roles. Other readers were concerned about possible

morale problems because of sexual integration of the services.

Of the 27 percent who said women should serve in combat, many stated women have been in limited combat before and deserve an opportunity to fully serve their country. The respondents in the minority also said women have been underestimated and can perform under the rigors of combat.

Respondents' views are excerpted below.

I believe we should establish one Army combat division completely staffed by women, from the commanding general to the lowliest yardbird. This division should not have any male members. Likewise, we should staff one warship with only females. Then, if another skirmish such as Grenada or Panama erupts, send these units in first. But keep replacement male-staffed units in reserve to pick up the pieces when the females turn tail and run. By sending only women into combat, we will witness their competence when the chips are down.

> Raymond Bray Lucas, Ky.

At the squad and platoon level, in an intense training environment, and even more in combat, there is a male bonding, a love and respect that evolves into an esprit de corps that results in an increased capability of that unit. Incorporating women in infantry squads would crode that spirit. Also, human nature being what it is, some women and men will become romantically involved and that alone negates any potential for placing females in infantry units.

I truly appreciate the skill and ability

that an ever-increasing number of women are bringing to our military. Perhaps in some branches of the services, where intelligence and technical skill are paramount and physical differences wouldn't play a major role, women should be given the opportunity to integrate. But as a former military commander. I would not want to ask the fathers and mothers of America to send me their sons and daughters to serve in a unit I knew was not capable of achieving its maximum potential because of socio-political-imposed sexual integration.

> James E. Walsh Jr. Boonsboro, Md.

Fighting in the infantry is way beyond the capabilities of all American women. In infantry fighting, every man has a breaking point. The least man's breaking point is much higher than any woman I know. In spite of all the chic talk that men cry, men do not cry. Women do. Physically, not one of them could do what is required of men. For example, there is no way they could handle the stress of Guadalcanal. The ability of mcn to take a pounding by artillery then get up and fight makes me wonder where such toughness is

found—certainly not in women.

When Major League Baseball, football or any sport signs a woman to play, maybe I'll believe. Women can't even compete at the high-school level. An adult woman could not make a highschool football team. They don't have the strength or the reflexes.

> Walter L. Rodman Hurricane, Utah

I was in the Army Special Forces in Vietnam and have trained females for combat. Perhaps Brian Mitchell is not aware of the roles females played throughout World War II. Perhaps he never encountered a female VC or NVA in Vietnam.

We fought for a free country—a free country not divided between males and females.

> Frederick T. Kohler Havertown, Pa.

If Rep. Pat Schroeder of Colorado and Molly Yard, president of NOW, want women in combat, let's see them go into a combat situation and observe how well they function. I spent 26 years in the Army, most of that time in the infantry-three years in the South Pacific during World War II and two years in Korea. I would not want a woman next to me in combat for protection.

> Patrick J. Farino Punta Gorda, Fla.

I am the first girl football player at Central Junior High School. It took a lot of work, but I became a tackle on second-string offense and defense. Not all girls are weak. Women can do anything if they set their minds to it. That's what I did. We Arkansas girls are not going to take you male people putting us down. Get it?

> Christy Colville Springdale, Ark.

I am a WWII veteran who served as a control tower operator. I was told that even though our services were needed in combat areas, we could not be sent because we were a non-combat unit. There are many divisions of the service where women can serve and distinguish themselves admirably, such as nurses, pilots, aboard ships, supply clerks,

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mechanics and many more positions.

However, in actual combat areas or hand-to-hand combat, being responsible for each other would prove too much for women. But should conditions ever warrant it, it is surprising to see what courage and stamina can be mustered by the women of this country. I have seen it in World War II.

> Vanda Bates Lexington, Kv.

Ask yourself this: Would you like to see your wife or your mother in combat? R.T. Switzer Hampton, Va.

I am a Legionnaire, a U.S. Navy veteran of Vietnam and a woman. I believe if a woman is qualified, both mentally and physically, and if she really wants to serve in a combat-related field, she should be allowed to. There are men who are not qualified, and they do not serve in combat.

Women are not less aggressive. I know some women who can put a man to shame, and still be a woman. And men and women in close quarters do not threaten the stability of military families. Men and women work together all the time. Just because the two sexes work together does not mean that personal relationships will develop. Military women are not home wreckers.

If a woman really wants a combatrelated job and can qualify, why not? She knows the risks and the rewards. Women are very capable and deserve the chance to prove themselves in what-

ever field they choose.

Virginia A. Jorgenson Bakersfield, Calif.

Women should not be trained to carry any item capable of destroying human life. We are innately endowed to produce life. I do not know how to shoot a gun and don't want to know. I was an Army nurse in World War II and I am proud to be an American Legion member.

Mrs. Gordon Bamesberger Cherokee Village, Ark.

What do these women think is going to happen to them when they become prisoners of war, and is this something they find acceptable? Do they think there are latrine facilities under battlefield conditions? Do they wish to share slit trenches with men? Do they wish to go for weeks and perhaps months without a bath? A change of clothes? A decent meal? A place to sleep other than the ground?

If this and more is what they want, then I say, welcome, women to the world of war. Be my guest. But this is not what I want for the women of my

country.

William C. Goodpasture Canaan, Ind.

I was the chief operator of the 1716th Signal Service Co. and a WAC in the New Guinea-Southern Philippines theater from 1943-45. At this time, the island of Leyte and city of Manila were declared combat zones. We operated telephones and teletype systems and slept in pup tents that adjoined fox holes. To the tune of red alerts that blared many times during the day and night and the distant sound of "ack, ack," we learned how to leap into those fox holes. But no one cowered as we all went diligently about our duties. There was no conflict between GI Joes and GI Janes.

> Wanda Tassic Winamac, Ind.

I served overseas in the Women's Army Corps during World War II, stationed with a V-mail unit in New Guinea and the Philippines. We were well behind the lines but even so, the conditions were pretty awful. I can't even imagine going into combat with men. I realize that many things have changed, but I am old-fashioned enough to believe that men still have a protective instinct toward women, and this instinct would hinder their effectiveness in dangerous situations.

Because women have always served in dangerous areas in wartime, I believe there is a place for women in the military. The nurses were probably closest to combat but their mission was to save lives—not to kill. Biologically and physically men and women are different and regardless of all the arguments to the contrary, there are things women cannot and should not change.

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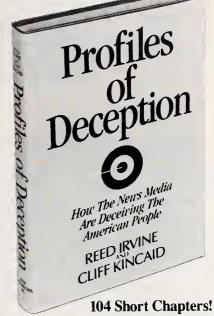
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SHOULD CONGRESS SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY ON ABORTION?

Rep. Vin Weber, R-Minnesota

Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights: the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Of these three, life itself is a precondition to the other two, and thus the most cherished and important.



Our founding fathers' belief in the inalienable right to life helped form this nation. Yet today, we permit the legal extermination of over 1 million lives each year through abortion. And the lives we take are the most innocent, helpless and defenseless among us—unborn children.

President Bush believes abortion is wrong and should be restricted except in the cases of rape, incest and when a fetus threatens the life of the mother. Contrary to much you may have heard, the American public agrees with him.

By a wide majority, the American people reject the policy of abortion on demand. They don't believe abortions should be used as birth control. They don't believe that teen-agers—who need permission to get their ears pierced—should get abortions without parental consent. They don't believe abortions should be performed to select the sex of a child. And they don't believe taxpayers should foot the bill for abortions they do not condone.

At a time when taxpayers subsidize medical care for pregnant poor women and provide a social welfare system to care for them after birth, we should not permit abortions because a child is a "burden." Surely, our nation is more inclusive, more compassionate, than that.

Abortion advocates speak eloquently about a woman's right to choose. But they won't mention the baby's rights. Abortion advocates say the government should stay out of a woman's private decision. But they would force American taxpayers to violate their consciences and finance what they believe to be murder. Abortion advocates say a woman's right to abortion should be unrestricted. But they won't tell you that means permitting abortions even in the ninth month.

President Bush believes in restoring protection of the inalienable right to life to unborn children. I believe that is consistent

with our history, our values and our national character. Surely, America is a place where everyone—from the unborn to the aged—should enjoy equal protection under the law.

Rep. Barbara Boxer, D-California

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We are blessed to live in a country where we have the freedom to believe what we like, say what we want and make our own decisions. But President Bush wants to do away with one of our most personal freedoms—our right to privacy, our right to choose.

If the President succeeds in making abortion illegal, we will return to the days before 1973 when thousands of women died or were permanently harmed from botched abortions they were forced to seek in shadowy rooms and back alleys. I knew a woman who almost died in 1962 and she paid the price of infertility.

Those who would suffer the most would be poor women who make up a disproportionate share of the women now obtaining abortions. They would be left to seek abortions under the most hideous conditions or be forced to raise a child they neither want nor could support.

In October 1989, I introduced a bill in Congress that would have assisted poor women by allowing Medicaid funds to be spent on abortion only in cases of rape or incest. Both the House and the Senate approved this language. But President Bush vetoed the measure, despite that 76 percent of Americans in a nationwide Harris Poll last November said they favored the bill.

This means that in America now, wealthy women can get abortions in safe, clean clinics under appropriate medical care and poor women who have been victims of the most hideous violence cannot. The 14-year-old girl who has been sexually abused by her father cannot look to her government for help. Nor can the poor woman who has been raped by a vicious criminal such as Willie Horton, who George Bush made known to all Americans.

I believe that the entire issue of abortion is a private and personal decision and government should stay out of it. If you cannot exercise that most private of rights, then other freedoms may be the next to go. Most Americans understand this and have made themselves clear. In Virginia, New Jersey, New York City and California, they repeatedly have voted into office leaders who trust women to make their own

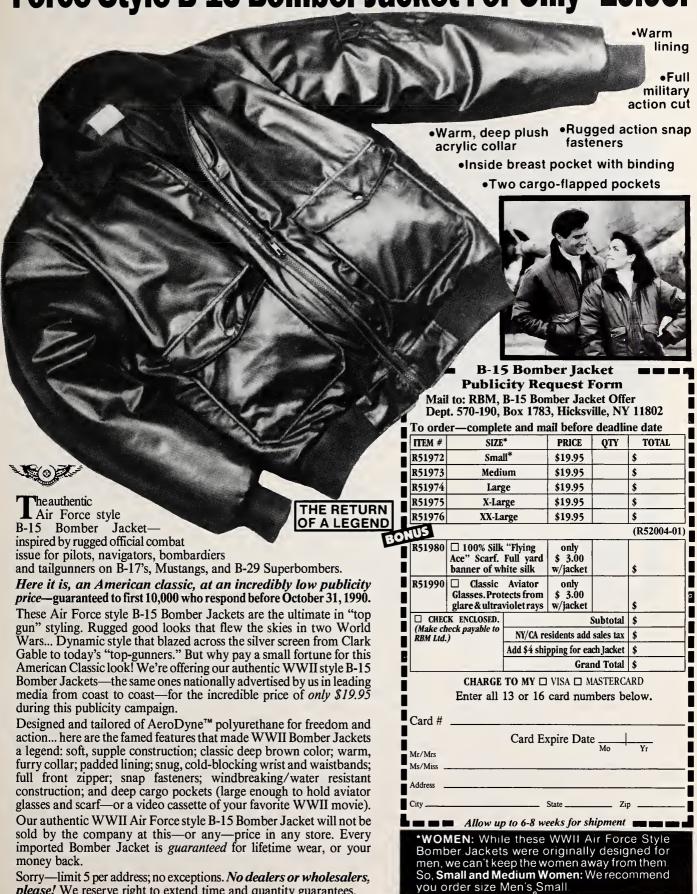
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REMEMBRANCE — Many Legionnaires and visitors to the 1990 National Convention in Indianapolis will tour the Emil A. Blackmore Museum.

XAMINING the gyroscope compass with an experienced eye, Tom Wollenzien recalled his Navy service during the Korean War. "This was the same kind of compass I steered off of," he said as his words trailed to other memories.

Wollenzien, a member of Post 7, Sheridan, Wyo., smiled and moved to another exhibit in the Emil A. Blackmore Museum on the fourth floor of the Legion's National Headquarters. He bent forward and looked at the cavalry equipment used by Gen. Frank Schwengel, an American Legion founder who donated his war mementos to the museum.

Like Wollenzien, many Legionnaires expected to visit the museum during the National Convention Aug. 24-30 will be able touch the history of America's wars and the Legion's past. This link between the past and present was the fulfillment of the dream of Emil A. Blackmore, national adjutant from

1956-67, who established the museum just before his death in April 1967.

During his dedication prayer in 1968, National Chaplain Edward P. Nolan summed up the museum's purpose, as true then as it is today: "Let every historic treasure remind those who helped honor and respect that every object here singularly and collectively reminds us of our country's history; singularly of the individual heroism and sacrifice of our fellow Americans, collectively of all Americans as love and devotion to ideals which testify to the birth and growth of a country conceived under God and dedicated to the protection and the continuance of the rights of all men."

"After seeing the museum, visitors know that The American Legion is looking after veterans," said Joseph J. Hovish, National Librarian and Museum Curator. "When people leave the National Headquarters, they know it's more than just an office building. The museum attests to the Legion's devotion to veterans and to the Legion's Preamble pledge '... to pre-

serve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars. . . . ""

Continuing his walk among the collection of war and Legion memories. Wollenzien stopped at the wall of war posters and slowly looked at each. Uncle Sam...I want you...Lady Liberty...Buy bonds or fight...Sow the seeds of victory. Nearby is the pen President Franklin D. Roosevelt used to sign the Legion-authored GI Bill of Rights in 1944. Wollenzien paused at the table displaying a WWI uniform, including puttees and authentic WWI canteens. Next to the uniform display, Wollenzien peered at a diorama of WWI trench warfare, then he looked into the miniature recreation of the D-day invasion of Omaha Beach.

Near the dioramas, is a blackened chunk of the bridge over the Marne at Chateau-Thierry, where machine gunners of the 3rd American Division blocked the advance of German troops May 30, 1918.

Before leaving, Wollenzien stops at a case containing 71 years of Legion National Convention medals. "I remember the convention in Milwaukee. It was '39, or was it '40? Ah, here it is, '41. There's the convention badge. I remember catching the parade. The anti-aircraft guns put on a big show. Planes towed targets through the air. The guns were so loud, I put cotton in my ears," Wollenzien said, as he covered his ears in memory of the 1941 National Convention and the thunderous guns.

"I wish I had more time," Wollenzien said as he glanced at the walls of plaques and numerous Legion trophies representing 72 years of Legion contributions to the nation and its communities, including the large facsimile of the \$1 million check given to help build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

Before leaving the fourth floor, Wollenzien also visited the Legion's National Library. In addition to the more than 10,000 books and Legion correspondence dating to 1919, the library contains all Legion resolutions and minutes from National Executive Committee and National Convention meetings.

During the 1990 National Convention in Indianapolis Aug. 24-30, Legionnaires and their families should stop and explore the war mementos and Legion history in the Emil A. Blackmore Museum and the Legion's National Library.

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Zumwalt Jr., a special assistant to VA,
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Committee on Environmental
Hazards because they failed to
review scientific evidence related
to Agent Orange and dioxins.

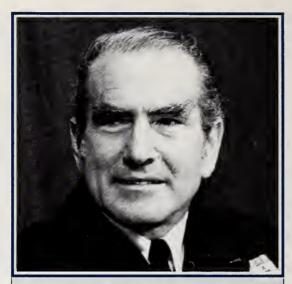
Zumwalt said that members of the committee demonstrated a "disturbing bias" in evaluating the data. He recommended that Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski reconsider VA's policy of awarding compensation to Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange in light of accumulating scientific evidence that discredits earlier findings of an insufficient linkage

between dioxins found in Agent Orange and rare diseases, especially certain cancers

Appointed to his position in October 1989 by Derwinski, Zumwalt was asked to help determine "whether it is at least as likely as not that there is a statistical association between exposure to Agent Orange and a specific adverse health effect."

Zumwalt, who ordered spraying of Agent Orange when he was the commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Vietnam, reminded Derwinski that the standard to be applied in awarding compensation to Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange—as mandated by Congress and the courts—requires that the benefit of the doubt about the number of cancers linked to dioxin should weigh in favor of the veteran.

"Adm. Zumwalt's findings reaffirm what The American Legion has been saying all along. The Centers for Discase Control, VA and others in Congress are trying to pull the wool over the American people's eyes by claiming that there is no link between



ADMIRABLE JOB—In his report to the VA Secretary, Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. accused government reviewers of bias in their Agent Orange evaluations.

From a mere reading of committee transcripts, reviewers detected overt bias in the committee's evaluation of certain studies.

Agent Orange and cancer in Vietnam veterans," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling. "We applaud Adm. Zumwalt's recommendations and his impartiality in conducting the seven-month investigation."

Zumwalt called in several independent scientific experts to review the transcripts of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards. "Without exception," the report stated, "the experts who reviewed the work of the advisory committee disagreed with

its findings and further questioned the validity of the advisory committee's review of studies on non-Hodgkin's lymphomas (NHL).

The following are excerpts from Zumwalt's report:

"For instance, a distinguished group at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute in Seattle, Washington, upon reviewing the advisory committee transcripts, concluded "that it is at least as likely as not that there is a significant association (as defined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs) between exposure to phenoxy acid herbicides and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"A second reviewer of the committee's work, Dr. Robert Hartzman (considered one of the U.S. Navy's top medical researchers), effectively confirms the views of the Hutchinson group. Dr. Hartzman states that 'the pre-

ponderance of evidence from the papers reviewed by the advisory committee weighs heavily in favor of an effect of Agent Orange on increased risk for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"Dr. Hartzman also attests that 'an inadequate process is being used to evaluate scientific publications for use in public policy.'

"A third reviewing team, Dr. Jeanne Mager Stellman, PhD (Physical Chemistry) and Steven D. Stellman, PhD (Physical Chemistry), also echo the sentiments expressed by the Hutchinson group and Dr. Hartzman on the validity of the committee's proceedings and conclusions. (Editor's note: The Stellmans are co-authors of the American Legion and Columbia University Study on Vietnam Veterans, which provided proof that Vietnam veterans suffer health, social and psychological problems because of exposure to Agent

"In fact," Zumwalt's report states, "the Stellmans' detailed annotated bibliography and assessment of numerous Please turn page

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"Perhaps more significant than the committee's failure to make such obvious findings is the distressing conclusion of the independent reviewers that the committee's process is so flawed as to be useless to the Secretary in making any determination on the effects of Agent Orange. From a mere reading of committee transcripts, these reviewers detected overt bias in the committee's evaluation of certain studies. In fact, some members of the advisory committee and other VA officials have, even before reviewing the evidence, publicly denied the existence of a correlation between exposure to dioxins and adverse health effects.

"This blatant lack of impartiality lends credence to the suspicion that certain individuals may have been unduly influenced in their evaluation of various studies. Furthermore, such bias among advisory committee members suggests that the Secretary should, in accordance with the Dioxin Standards Act, appoint new personnel to the advisory committee.

"Experience with other governmental agencies responsible for specifically analyzing and studying the effects of exposure to Agent Orange strongly hints at a discernible pattern, if not outright governmental collaboration, to deny compensation to Vietnam veterans for disabilities associated with exposure to dioxin.

'A case in point is the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As concerns grew following the first studies of human exposure to Agent Orange, Congress commissioned a large-scale epidemiological study to determine the potential health effects for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange. Initially, this study was to be conducted by VA itself. When evidence surfaced, however, of the VA's footdragging in commencing the study (and initial disavowal of any potential harm from exposure to Agent Orange), Congress transferred the responsibility for the study to the CDC in 1983.

"After four years and approximately \$63 million in federal funds, the CDC concluded that an Agent Orange exposure study could not be done based on military records. This conclusion was based on the results of blood tests of 646 Vietnam veterans which ostensibly

demonstrated that no association existed between serum dioxin levels and military-based estimates of the likelihood of exposure to Agent Orange. Inexplicably, the CDC then used these 'negative' findings to conclude that not only could an exposure study not even be done, but that the 'study' which was never even conducted proves that Vietnam veterans were never exposed to harmful doses of Agent Orange.

"Even more disturbing, when the protocol for this 'study' and the blood test procedures were examined further, there appeared to be a purposeful effort to sabotage any chance of a meaningful Agent Orange exposure analysis. For

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instance, the original protocol for the Agent Orange exposure study understandably called for subject veterans to be tracked by company-level location.

"However, in 1985 the CDC abruptly changed the protocol to have battalions, rather than companies, serve as the basis for cohort selection and unit location. By the CDC's own admission, changing the protocol to track veterans on the broader battalion basis effectively diluted the study for the simple reason that many of the 1,000 men in a battalion were probably not exposed to Agent Orange. Why then did the CDC change the protocol in 1985?

"According to Dr. Vernon Houk, director of the Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control, the department within the CDC responsible

for conducting the Agent Orange study, the protocol was changed because the CDC concluded the company-specific records were unreliable and contained too many gaps of information. As a result, military records could simply not be used to assess exposure.

"Richard Christian, the former director of the Enviornmental Study Group of the Department of Defense, currently The American Legion's consultant on Agent Orange, testified that not only was this conclusion false, but that he had personally informed the CDC that adequate military records existed to identify company-specific movements as well as spray locations.

"Furthermore, in a February 1985 report to the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, the CDC reported that in analyzing 21 of 50 detailed computer HERBs tapes developed by the ESG on company movements that it was possible to correlate the exposure data to areas sprayed with Agent Orange with consistent results. Indeed, a peer-reviewed study sponsored by The American Legion conclusively demonstrated that such computerized data could be used to establish a reliable exposure classification system essential to any valid epidemiological study of Vietnam veter-

"In addition to altering the protocol from company units to battalions, the CDC further diluted the study by changing the protocol on the length of time study subjects were to have served in Vietnam. Whereas the original protocol required subjects to have served a minimum of nine months in combat companies, the CDC reduced the minimum to six months. Furthermore. the CDC eliminated from consideration all veterans who served more than one tour in Vietnam. Finally, while the original protocol called only for subjects who served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968, the years that Agent Orange spraying was at its height, the CDC added an additional six months to this time period. The net effect of these various changes was seriously to dilute the possibility that study subjects would have been exposed to Agent Orange, which in turn would impair any epidemiological study's ability to detect increases in disease rate.

"Although the above referenced problems cast serious suspicion on the work of the CDC, perhaps its most controversial action was to determine unilaterally that blood tests taken more

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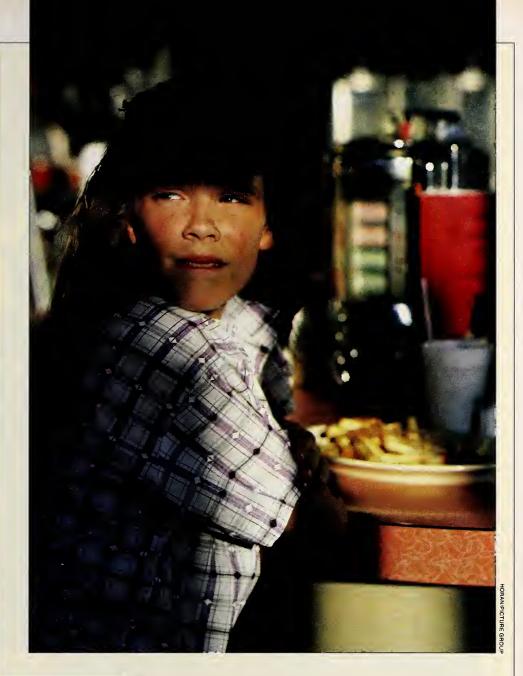
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CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT

Hollywood's streets aren't all glitter for young runaways. Prostitution, violence and drugs are everyday ways of life.



COUPLE of us from the church were just walking around Hollywood, seeing what was going on. We wandered into an alley and bumped into a girl, maybe 15 or 16, who was climbing out of a dumpster—a big, green garbage can," said Rev. Dickson Druary of the First Presbyterian Church. "That's where she lived. She was from Emporia, Kan."

The girl isn't alone. Nobody knows how many teen-age

By Robert McGarvey

RUNAWAYS

runaways there are, but the federal government's best guess is more than 1 million, evenly split between boys and girls. Every city and town across the map has a sprinkling, because studies show that most stay within 300 miles of home when hitting the road for the first time. The majority return home within a few weeks at the most when whatever prompted their departure—a

bad test grade perhaps or just a fight with mom or dad—is forgotten.

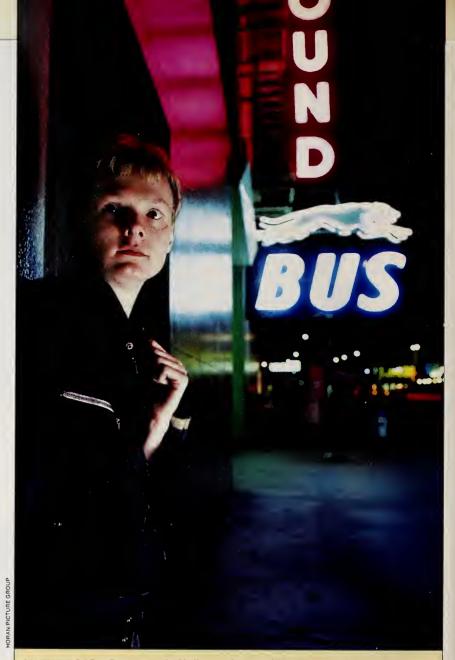
Many don't, however, and the experts say up to 500,000 kids keep running, and eventually many migrate to the country's runaway capitals: New York, Ft. Lauderdale, and, above all, Hollywood, where the lure is year-round temperate weather and a dream of instant screen success much like that which turned a Steve McQueen from certified juvenile delinquent into "The Bounty Hunter."

"Hollywood is a magnet for a lot of kids," said Druary, who's also a director of Covenant House/Los Angeles, a runaway shelter. "They come here to check it out and it's a snare. They get hooked and can't leave."

This is the story of Hollywood's lost kids. Half are 15 or younger, with some as young as 8. Again, "nobody really knows how many there are," said Teresa DeCrescenzo, a social worker with the Homeless Youth Project. Give them a fast glance and, oftentimes, they don't look much different from the teen-ager down the block. A little more unkept in dress, almost certainly less scrubbed, but most could pass as students at the local high school. There are differences, however, and for starters, "their lives are miserable," Druary said.

Hollywood may have won a permanent niche in the country's collective imagination as Tinsel Town, but when runaways walk Hollywood Boulevard, the main strip, they don't find much tinsel. Most of the film industry long ago packed its cameras and headed to the suburbs. Today these are mean, inner-city streets. Tourists still come but most take a fast look around and head elsewhere. A biker gang owns one stretch, hispanic gangs own others.

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ON THE ROAD—Runaways in Hollywood roam the streets at night to survive the violence. More than half are 15 and younger, and some are as young as 8.

Drug dealing is brazen, and so is prostitution.

"Hollywood, especially at night, is a scary place," said Gary Yates, director of Children's Hospital's High Risk Youth Project.

OST people who think of runaways think of Huck Finn, someone cutting school, rafting down the river," Yates said. "It's an adventure and it's fun. That's the myth. The reality experienced by these kids is very, very different."

Melodic, a runaway who's camped on a bus bench in the shadows of Hollywood High, agrees: "People get killed here and nobody knows. They never were nobody and nobody misses 'em. It ain't a picnic on the streets. The first couple days, yeah, that's fun 'cause you're free. It gets old, fast." So why is she here? "Don't have anywhere else to go," she shrugs. What about home? "My dad died before I was born. Mom kept me 'til I was five, then she gave me to my dad's folks. They kept me until I was 10 and put me up for adoption. Nobody took me. I guess I was too old. I was in a foster home, then when I was 14, I split. I take care of myself. I've been here about two years. I'm doing OK."

She's not "doing OK" unless by that



child may run away from a nice home. But he will not stay away once he discovers what life is like on the streets.

you mean "sleeping in 'squats,' abandoned buildings, or under freeway overpasses. Sometimes in junked cars or, if they're lucky, on a rainy night, some runaways will get enough money together to rent a motel room," social worker Gabe Kruks said. "Most of these kids come here with no money, nothing really, and they survive. You have to give them credit for that. It's not easy.'

Talk to runaways and they report a nocturnal life, waking up at noon, maybe 2 p.m. They sleep those hours because "it's safer," said one, a boy of perhaps 17 who gives his name as "Raider." "Too much happens at night. If you're asleep, you can get stabbed, robbed." So Raider and most of the other kids form packs of three, five, up to 15—mutual protection societies but even so they keep alert until dawn comes and, in the safety of first light, catch an anxious sleep wherever they are. "These groupings are unstable, temporary," DeCrescenzo said. "They break up as fast as they form. Basically, these kids have no loyalty to anybody or to anything.

When wake-up call chimes, a runaway's start on the day is no different from anyone else's. "I'll go trashing for food," Raider explains. By "trashing," he means just that. "Restaurants throw away all sorts of stuff you can eat, but people do, too." So he and his fellow runaways root through garbage cans in search of stale bread, over-ripe fruit, peanut butter jars with a few scrapes left, maybe a steak bone with a hunk or

two of meat.

While he talks, Raider keeps a scowl glued to his face and his eyes are always moving, continually taking in the street scene. There's a reason for this. "The street kids are still kids and they are very vulnerable," said Det. Dolores Sehley, juvenile coordinator for the Los

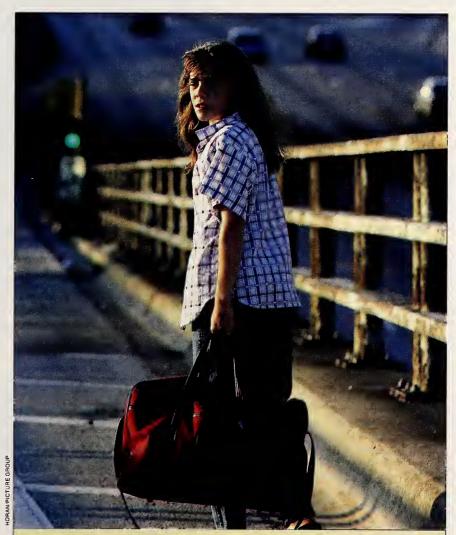
Angeles Police Department's Hollywood division. "They are ready victims."

"The kids are targets for anybody who wants to abuse them," added Druary, who cites pimps, drug dealers and pornographers among the abusers. Like Raider, most fight back by maintaining prematurely hardened faces. Look into a runaway's face and it is a

child's, but first you have to penetrate the tough veneer they all adopt to ward off danger. "Street kids try to look tough," Druary said. "Few are, but they'll pretend as best they can."

They also are penniless and, for cash, Melodie admits to doing what most other street kids do. "I get by panhandling. You get \$5, \$10 a day. That's plenty." With the money, she'll splurge and buy french fries—always drenched in the free ketchup—and a soda, possibly a shake. What's left will buy cigarettes, to be passed around the kids in her pack. However, she omits what the kids do when they come up with nothing from handouts. When times toughen, they snatch purses, shoplift and smash car windows to grab a radio or briefcase. They also are prostitutes, DeCrescenzo said.

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DISPOSABLE KIDS-More than 46 percent of the runaways have been kicked out of their homes or left because of dysfunctional families.

By M. Stanton Evans

HEN the United States turned up the heat on Manuel Noriega in 1988-89, resulting in his indictment and eapture by American Armed Forces, it became fashionable in government and media circles to talk about drug-running through Panama. To judge from the recent spate

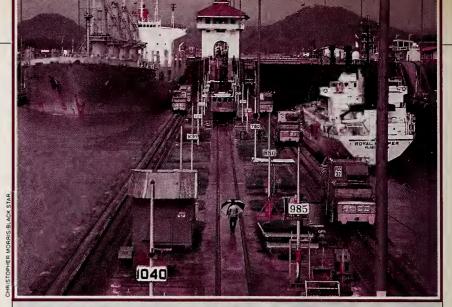
Panama. To judge from the recent spate of publicity on this topic, you might suppose the Panama drug connection was a new and startling development, which U.S. officials and the press rushed to expose as soon as they found out about it. Nothing, however, could be further from the truth. Evidence linking Panama and Noriega to the nareoties traffic has been available for the past two decades, but was systematically withheld from the American people.

As far back as 1971, for instance, the Bureau of Narcoties and Dangerous Drugs (predecessor to the Drug Enforcement Administration) reported: "Panama is one of the most significant countries for transshipment of drugs into the United States. . . . The significance of Panama is evident by the fact that during the past 12 months, 641 pounds of heroin were seized in the United States which had transited through Panama."

Also in 1971, Rep. John Murphy, then-chairman of the Panama Canal subcommittee, revealed, "Panama has become the conduit through which pass enormous quantities of dope — an estimated one-twelfth of the heroin in a recent one-year period — used by U.S. addicts. This means that at one point roughly 20,000 American drug addicts were getting their supply by this route. Large quantities of eocaine have also transited the zone into this country."

As for official complicity in such traffic, a 1972 drug update alleged that "one of the more glaring examples of official corruption is the country of Panama. . . . Because of the involvement of [then-]Panamanian government officials in the narcotics traffic, the U.S. government should take a firm stand in the current negotiations of a new treaty for the continued use of the

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DOPE DEALS—Disclosure in the 1970s that the Panamanian government was involved in the narcotics trade could well have torpedoed the Panama Canal treaties, which barely squeaked through the Senate's ratification in 1978.

THE PANAMA COVER-UP

Canal Zone. . . . [It should] prevent international traffickers from obtaining refuge in the Zone, as they now do in Panama."

Drug enforcement officials had lots of specifics to back these charges. Those emphatically included Manuel Noriega, then serving as "intelligence" chief (meaning head of the secret police) in the government of Gen. Omar Torrijos. Like Noriega, Torrijos was a military dictator who overthrew an elected government and ran a classieally corrupt regime (including positions of influence for his brothers, Hugo and Moises Torrijos). DEA had copious data linking these and other Panamanian officials to narcotics, but such information was not reported to the public.

All of this was in 1971-72, a decade before Noriega ascended to the top position in Panama, and well before the Contras of nearby Nicaragua started battling the Marxist Sandinistas (who didn't come to power until 1979). That time-frame puts the lie to recent argu-

ments that U.S. officials were reluctant to go after the Panamanian connection mainly because Noriega was supposed to be helping us with the Contras. Obviously, coneealment of the Panama drug traffic far pre-dates the Contra situation.

The actual reason for the cover-up was the long-running campaign of forces in our government to turn the Panama Canal over to the Torrijos regime, an effort that dominated the politics of the 1970s. Disclosure that the Panama government was involved in the narcotics trade could well have torpedoed the canal treaties, which barely squeaked through to ratification in 1978. The information was accordingly suppressed. Among the cover-up measures taken by officials of our government:

• Bottling up the fact that a high official of the Panama regime was under indictment in the United States on charges of heroin smuggling.

• Tipping off this Panamanian official that U.S. narcotics agents were



planning to arrest him, thereby allowing him to change his travel plans and evade capture.

and evade capture.

• Concealing, censoring and apparently destroying drug enforcement files that contained incriminating data about the involvement of this and other Panamanian officials in the drug trade.

• Mobilizing pressure to force a committee of the U.S. Senate to call off projected hearings on these matters, which could have compelled production of documents through subpoena

and testimony under oath.

Throughout the early 1970s, drug enforcement and customs officials repeatedly briefed the State Department and other executive agencies on the involvement of Panama officials in the narcotics trade — naming no fewer than "15 prominent Panamanians," according to the Senate Intelligence Committee. (Though the committee didn't say so, it's clear from other data that Noriega was one of these.) In addition, customs agents made repeated arrests of government-connected Panamanians when they entered U.S. territory.

In February 1971, for instance, U.S. authorities in the Canal Zone arrested a Panamanian national who served at Panama's Tocumen airport on charges of smuggling \$1 million worth of heroin into the United States. This brought an angry protest from the Panamanian foreign minister and, according to drug enforcement officials, an apologetic response from the U.S. State Department.

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In July 1971, federal drug officials arrested three Panamanians alleged to be smuggling 70 kilos of heroin into the

United States at Kennedy Airport in New York City. One of those arrested, Guillermo Gonzalez, was a long-time friend and bodyguard of Moises Torrijos. Another was Rafael Richard, the 22-year-old son of a Panamanian ambassador.

In December 1972, in a similar episode, the nephew of one of Panama's then-officials was also arrested at Kennedy Airport with cocaine and liquid hashish in his possession. These frequent arrests and the government connections of those arrested confirmed reports that U.S. drug enforcement officials were getting from informants on the ground in Panama

Of particular importance was the Richard-Gonzalez case, since it led directly to the Torrijos family.

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IF YOU use a credit card, there's an electronic file on you in a computer somewhere in America. There's another file if you have a job—and another if you have life insurance. There are still more files because you served in the military, pay your taxes and see a doctor occasionally.

Nowadays, everything you do breeds more electronic files filled with the most intimate details about your health, your wealth, and whether you pay your bills on time. In his 1989 book, *Privacy in America*, University of Illinois professor David Linowes warned, "There has developed an immense underground of collected personal, often sensitive, information about every man, woman and child in America."

Nor is that file of information safe from prying eyes. Linowes, chairman of President Jimmy Carter's 1977 Privacy Protection Commission, cautioned, "Personal information in the hands of governmental authorities, employers, insurance companies, financial institutions and credit-reporting companies can be, and is being used, in ways you never intended."

Vice President Dan Quayle learned that the hard way recently. While researching an article on privacy, Business Week writer Jeffrey Rothfeder found it amazingly easy to explore Quayle's personal credit file. Business Week even printed a few details about Quayle's finances, but concluded, "There was nothing juicy."

There are laws to protect your privacy, but most have loopholes a mile wide. Once your privacy is invaded, you'll certainly find yourself swamped by junk mail. And you could see your credit rating destroyed, lose a promotion or face audit by the Internal Revenue Service.

Consider all that your employer knows about you: your work history, your salary, what your superiors think about you, even your medical history. Linowes surveyed 126 giant corporations, employing nearly 4 million

people. He learned that:

• 80 percent of the companies disclose personal information to organizations deciding whether to give you credit.

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PRYING

EYES

By Gordon Williams

Your name means a lot to credit companies and direct-mail marketing firms, and it is often sold to the highest bidders.

• 58 percent provide information to landlords.

• 50 percent consider information in your medical records in making employment-related decisions.

Despite what they tell outsiders, these companies don't tell their own employees much. "Over half the employers do not tell their own employees the kind of records that they keep—or what they do with those records," Linowes said.

UR privacy was a lot more secure in the days before computers. Back then all records were on paper. Storing them was costly, so records weren't kept for long. Trying to retrieve one document from among millions was next to impossible.

Today's computers can store billions of bits of information, sort it in a dozen ways, and find your records in seconds. Because it's cheaper to keep data in a computer than to remove it, said Linowes, "Once information is stored in data banks, it stays there."

Linowes wrote of one man who lost a promotion because his personnel file said he had "larcenous tendencies." The incident was a prank that occurred in high school. A woman learned she had been turned down for several government jobs because of comments written by a teacher when she was in third grade.

Your life is truly an open book when it comes to your money. There's a file on you at one or more credit bureaus. It shows where you live and work, how much you make, how much you owe and how well you pay your debts. It would show if you went to court over an unpaid bill and if you ever went bankrupt. Credit bureaus are private companies that collect information from banks, retailers, credit card companies and anyone else you come into financial contact with. They sell the information to lenders who want to judge your creditworthiness.

Of the 200 credit bureaus around the country, three are giants: TRW Credit Data in Orange, Calif.; Trans Union

Credit Information in Chicago; and Equifax in Atlanta. "The three major bureaus alone have between them more than 400 million records on 160 million people," said Barbara Raasch, Dallasbased senior manager for the accounting firm of Ernst & Young.

Without that information, a credit card issuer or other lender wouldn't know whether to give you credit. After all, a credit card lets you spend someone else's money—based only on your promise to pay it back. But because credit bureaus know so much about you, there is obvious concern about how accurate and how secure that information is.

Congress tried to ease that concern with The Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1971. If a lender turns you down for credit, the credit bureau that supplied the information must let you inspect your file, at no charge. The credit bureau must correct errors. If there's a dispute over some point, you can add your own version to the file.

down for credit you still can examine your file whenever you want, merely

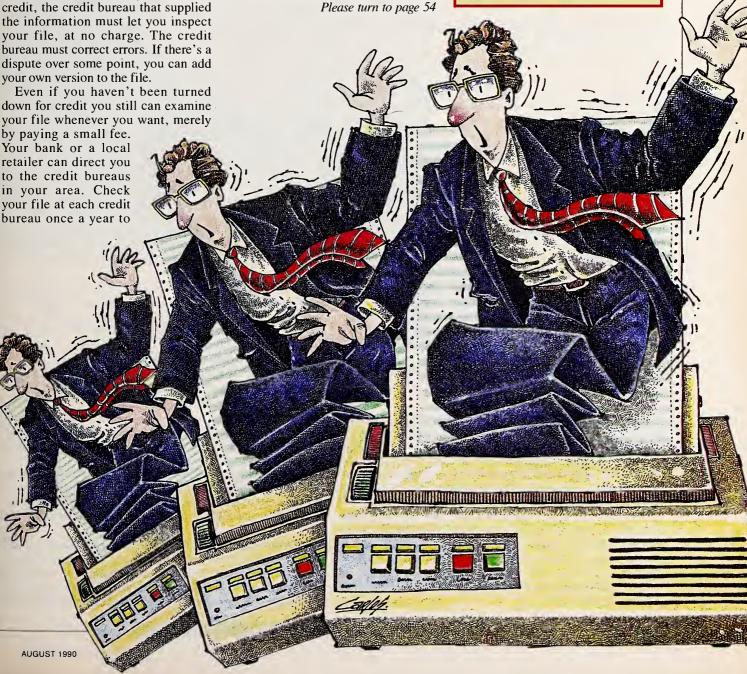
Your bank or a local retailer can direct you to the credit bureaus in your area. Check your file at each credit bureau once a year to

be sure all the information about you is accurate.

The law also keeps your credit file closed to anyone who doesn't have a "legitimate business need" for looking into it. Unfortunately, the law doesn't define "legitimate business need." Business Week writer Rothfeder told a credit bureau he might hire some assistants, and would want to examine their credit records. He paid a modest fee, and thereby could explore any credit file he wanted—including that of Dan Quayle.

Credit bureau officials argue that Business Week violated the law by collecting information on false pretenses, and by publishing it. Rothfeder said Business Week merely wanted to show how easy it is to crack a credit file—and that no one would have known about

STATISTICAL profile of your life is being captured by a network of electronic files with the most intimate details about your health, your wealth and whether you pay your bills on time.



INTERVIEW

VIVA DEMOCRACY

The Nicaraguan people conquered the Sandinistas at the ballot box last February when they elected Violeta Chamorro president. She inherits a maze of economic and social problems that still threaten the nation's stability.

IOLETA Chamorro, a 60-year-old grandmother and matriarch of one of Nicaragua's best-known families, once was a member of the Sandinista coalition that came to power after the July 1979 overthrow of dictator Gen. Anastasio Somoza. It didn't take Chamorro long to discover that the Sandinistas intended to consolidate their Marxist control over the lives of 3.5 million Nicaraguans. So she relinquished her position on the junta and returned to publish La Prensa, Managua's leading daily newspaper.

Last February, Chamorro accomplished what many said was impossible: She won a landslide victory in the race against Sandinista incumbent President Daniel Ortega. Chamorro, who was awarded The National Commander's Public Relations Award in 1988, faces profound economic and social problems as a result of Sandinista rule over the last decade. She discusses these and other problems in an interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

American Legion Magazine: What was your role in the 1979 revolution that brought the Sandinistas to power in Nicaragua?

President Chamorro: I was invited to participate as a member of the government meeting council, and I supported the revolution. However, very early I had doubts when I saw that instead of a democratic revolution, they were trying to implement a Marxist system—a new dictatorship disguised with the word *revolution*. After nine months, when this act of treason became evident, I renounced the junta. I decided to make criticisms from the outside. I left the Sandinistas in April 1980, upon seeing the betrayal of the original Nicaraguan revolution.

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Q. Who do you feel was responsible for your husband's death?

In 1978, I accused the regime of Somoza and I asked that he provide justice. Those who ordered my husband's murder are in jail. In my government we are going to reopen the investigations. I don't believe in the Somozan justice or in the Sandinistan justice.

Q. You have been favorably compared with Philippine President Corazon Aquino. Do you believe that is an accurate comparison?

We have one thing in common: Our husbands were assassinated for fighting for a noble cause and both of us have picked up their banners to implement their ideals and dreams. But there are many things that differentiate us.

1. How will you deal with the Contras?

This won't be a problem. They are Nicaraguans. We will help them find housing and food. There'll be special programs for them.

Q. Would you comment on the treatment of Pope John Paul II in Managua that was orchestrated by the Sandinistas?

A. It was terrible. The Sandinistas insulted the Pope during his 1983 visit. They wanted to use him politically, but the Pope didn't allow that to happen. Then they incited the crowd so that he couldn't continue leading the Mass.

Q. What parallels do you see between Nicaragua and Cuba?

Nicaragua ran parallel to Cuba during the first eight years of the revolution. The Sandinistas wanted to imitate the Cuban system but failed because of great resist-



1. What happened at your recent meeting with former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias?

I went because he was the one who had the initiative to propose the peace plan. I told President Arias he should keep an eye open while he is still in power, that he should be alert, supervising the peace process.

Q. What can the United States do to promote freedom and democracy in Central America?

The United States can support the initial democracy in its development programs and demonstrate to the world that democracy is a better system than communism. It can support without reservation our new government, UNO, so that Nicaraguans see that the United States is our ally and our friend. The Sandinistas could never maintain a cordial relationship with the United States because of their ideological dogmatism and support of a system that has failed all over the world.

Q. What are some of the steps you will take to restore freedom and improve the economy?

Liberty of business and the press, religious freedom, substantial reduction in the size of the army, reestablish trust, no more confiscations, absolute respect of private property, revision of the confiscations made by the Sandinistas, establishment of a democratic state. I will end most government economic controls.

Q. What has been the role of religious groups in Nicaragua and other Latin American countries?

A. It can't be generalized. Some have promoted Marxism and others haven't. Some have preferred to be mini-

sters of the government rather than ministers of God, and others have dedicated themselves to preaching Christianity.

Q. Several years ago Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo said, "The Sandinista regime is now more brutal and repressive than the Somoza people were in their day." Do you find it strange that the Sandinistas continue to be supported by many religious sects in the United States?

Some U.S. religious groups are used to supporting atheist regimes and enemies of religion. It's not the same living in Nicaragua as it is living in Michigan. The religious groups that support the Sandinistas do it because they have no idea of reality. They believe propaganda that deceives them and is totally false.

1. Liberation theology claims to blend Marxism with Please turn to page 55

ance in the Nicaraguan towns. Later, they had to divest themselves of this "historical project," as it's called, to open political space and apply several capitalistic formulas to the economy. But the economy is a patient that won't tolerate more Sandinista medicines. At times the medicine is worse than the illness.

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Nicaraguan families.

Q. Do you believe that with sufficient support from the United States the Contras could have overthrown the Sandinistas?

A. I think that is possible. It was a war of low intensity but it brought many deaths to my country.

KEYBOARD CLASSROOMS

By Gurney Williams III

HE threat of war hung over the United States in May 1939 when 31-year-old graduate student Gordon S. Brown received a secret briefing about the classified work he would be doing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His department head told him that in three months he would begin teaching naval fire-control officers about servomechanisms, the then-secret mechanical computing devices that pointed guns to their targets.

Brown had no idea that the work he was about to do in 1939 would help spawn a new generation of teaching machines in U.S. schools a half century later.

The 1990s' teaching machines enable seventh and eighth graders to do work that even graduate students could not have attempted during the war. The hardware and software allow children as young as 12 to create and learn from their own electronic models. Working in teams at the computer keyboard, they can build simulators, which show how cities grow, how hunger and crops and foreign aid are interrelated, what life was like in the 1850s and more.

Brown, an Australian who had come to M.I.T. as a transfer student in the 1920s, was naive about military matters when he got his assignment. "What is fire control?" he asked his department head, Harold L. Hazen. It had nothing to do with putting out fires, Hazen said.

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HANDS ON—Columbus, Ohio, students are participating in Apple Computers' "Classrooms of Tomorrow."

It was about controlling anti-aircraft weapons.

"What kind of things will we be working with?" Brown asked. "Oh. anti-aircraft guns," Hazen said. "How big?" Brown asked. "Probably five, 10 or 20 tons," Hazen answered. That was the end of the briefing.

Thus began the work that would lead to the creation of the Servomechanisms Laboratory at M.1.T., which Brown managed from 1939 to 1952. Research at the lab led to the development of radar-controlled tracking mechanisms that drew better aim for American guns in the latter years of World War II. And after the war, one of Brown's students, a Nebraskan named Jay Forrester, put the principles of servomechanisms to work in peacetime.

Aiming naval guns on a rolling deck required continuous input on the position of the target. At first the input came from human observers turning knobs on an optical sight. Later, radar supplied the data. In even the earliest wartime computers, continuously new sightings of the plane led to new adjustments of the knobs. Twisting the knobs changed the position of the plane in the

sights—setting up a feedback loop of information that progressively tightened a noose around enemy aircraft.

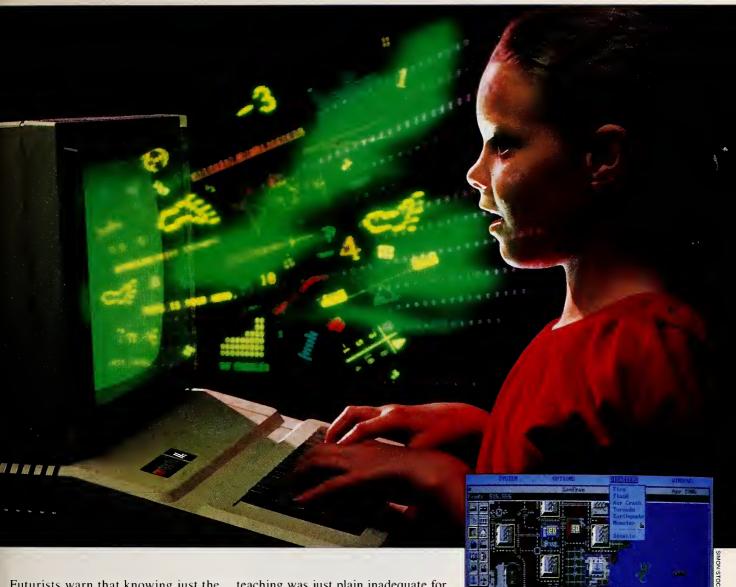
About a decade after the war, Forrester applied the discipline he had learned with Brown to the study of human systems. The same feedback principles that pointed the guns of World War II, he argued, affected politics, business, medicine, even the relations between parents or grandparents and children. He called the new field of study system dynamics.

By the late 1970s, research had shown that children in the fifth and sixth grades could understand feedback loops such as: "The more gas available to drivers, the lower the price and the more they'll use their cars, leading to less gas available and higher prices..."

But computers available at the time couldn't offer much help in the classroom. The old-fashioned teaching machine of 10 to 15 years ago was a simple fact-feeder. Typically, groups of children watched a film strip of vocabulary words or listened to a tape of questions while a teacher corrected their answers—a form of feedback loop, But, paradoxically, students themselves were unlikely to learn about such loops from the device. "Those old teaching machines are collecting dust in the closet," said Paul A. Reese, a computer teacher at the Ralph Bunche School in New York City. "The kids got bored with them. They just sat there and had to plug in right answers.'

By the late 1980s, many U.S. teachers were becoming aware that "right answers" weren't enough to adequately prepare our children for the future. "Students are stuffed with facts," Forrester said, "but without a frame of reference for making those facts relevant to the complexities of life."





Futurists warn that knowing just the facts won't make productive citizens out of today's youth. Between now and the end of the century, the fastest-growing job categories will be in service industries that require much more math, language and reasoning capabilities than current jobs, according to the Hudson Institute think tank in Indianapolis. But critics argue that today's schools aren't providing enough training in how to think and learn in everyday life.

EACHER Frank Draper of Tucson was worried about these issues in the spring of 1988 at a time when he had every right to be self-satisfied. He and a colleague, Mark Swanson, had just won an award for innovative teaching. Their 12- to 14-year-old students had won top honors in Southern Arizona science fairs, and both teachers had garnered top ratings in career-ladder evaluations from the school system.

"We knew something important was missing," he said. "What we were

teaching was just plain inadequate for the needs of today's society."

Then one Friday afternoon, Gordon Brown—a former dean of M.1.T.'s School of Engineering—dropped by Draper's classroom to talk about new computer software called STELLA. It had been created by Barry Richmond, one of Forrester's advisees at M.I.T. in the late 1970s. Its mission was to make systems thinking available to a wide audience.

Richmond had wanted to help people become more aware of the consequences of their actions, large and small. "We humans are good at engineering a plumbing system that works," Richmond said from his Lyme, N.H., office at High Performance Systems. "But we're not so good at understanding what happens when you flush the toilet—what long-term effect water use has on your ability to wash your car or water your lawn."

Draper and Swanson were so impressed with Brown's demonstration of STELLA that by the following fall, they

ENLIGHTENING — Computer software allows students to design and manage their activities and set their own learning levels.

stopped teaching in the traditional way. From October 1988 on, with the arrival of the first batch of Macintosh computers, every seventh and eighth grader in their classes began learning how to use the computers within hours. "You have to realize that kids are more open than adults to these experiences," said Wayne C. Grant, senior scientist with the Apple Classrooms of Tomorrow project at Apple Computer's Cupertino, Calif., offices. "They've had experience with video games and seen computers in classrooms. To them, the computer is viewed as sort of an appliance of the computer of th

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THE TOUGHEST VIARILE

The Marine Corps is always looking for a few good men. It found one in a disabled teen-ager. John Zimmerman's spirit of "Semper Fi" was the source of his strength, and provides a lesson for us all.



John Zimmerman

By Jay Stuller

OHN Zimmerman never faced combat. He didn't even endure the hell of Marine Corps basic training. Bound to a wheelchair his cntire life, the boy had muscular dystrophy, a degenerative, body-withering disease. But from the moment a pair of recruiters met Zimmerman, they knew that inside that body was the spirit of a true Marine.

Indeed, in the spring of 1983, at the Marine recruiting station in Huntington Beach, Calif., Staff Sgt. Robert Menke

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had listed a John Zimmerman as a "priority prospect." He'd read the youth's request for information about the Marines and talked to him on the phone. Sensing unusually strong interest from Zimmerman, who on the request form claimed to be 17, Menke set up an interview.

When a tousled-haired, 13-year-old boy in a motorized wheelchair rolled in through the recruiting office door, the Marine was puzzled. "I have an appointment with Staff Sgt. Menke," said the boy, confidently. "My name is John Zimmerman."

It took Menke a moment to recognize that this was his priority prospect. A shy man new to recruiting and still not totally comfortable with the role, Menke whispered "composure" to himself, stepped forward and reached out to shake the boy's hand. "I'm Sgt.

Menke," he said. "Come on in and let's talk."

For an hour, Menke answered Zimmerman's thoughtful questions on Marine training and assignments. He began to marvel at the articulate, courteous and sincere boy. Later, telling fellow recruiter Gunnery Sgt. John Gorsuch about the unusual prospect, Menke said that he "could feel this big glow coming from the kid."

Menke obviously couldn't sign Zimmerman into the Corps. "But I can sure enlist him as a friend," he said. Upon meeting John a couple weeks later, Gorsuch instantly agreed.

Richard and Sandra Zimmerman learned of John's affliction when he was 14 months old. Doctors determined John had Werdnig-Hoffman Syndrome, a rare and malicious form of muscular dystrophy, usually fatal before the age of two. Doctors told the Zimmermans that their son wouldn't live past five. But the Zimmermans refused to treat John as disabled; they carried him through amusement parks, into restaurants, to movies and on vacations.

Vulnerable to upper respiratory problems, the boy was hospitalized three times with pneumonia before the age of five. Each time he fought off the afflictions, more with will than physical strength.

At the age of six, he had his first encounter with the Marine Corps at a week-long summer camp for muscular dystrophy victims at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park near San Diego. Many of its counselors are Marines from Camp Pendleton, the El Toro and Tustin air stations, and local recruiting offices. The counselors sparked an interest that grew into a passion.

While other children worshipped rock stars and athletes, John plastered the walls of his room with Corps recruiting posters and his wheelchair with Marine stickers. He studied books about the Corps. And in the tradition of adapting and improvising to overcome obstacles, Zimmerman fudged his age on a recruiting card and wrangled the interview with Menke.

The friendship between Zimmerman, Menke and Gorsuch grew. John frequently called the two Marines for help on school reports, often devoted to Marine tactics, campaigns and equipment. When new recruiting posters arrived, Menke or Gorsuch would mail one to Zimmerman or deliver it in person.



The youngster frequently called on the recruiting sergeants for posters and information. What he received was friendship and love.

have a PMA—a positive mental attitude," said Gorsuch. "He always had that Marine mentality of, 'Give up, hell, we just started fighting.' "And he often instilled it in his friends.

One afternoon five of seven potential recruits didn't show up at the recruiting office, and Gorsuch had to disqualify the other two because of drugs and police records. Just then, Zimmerman phoned and could tell something was wrong. A dismal Gorsuch explained.

"Ah, come on Gunny,"
John said. "It's not your
fault. You're such a smooth
operator that for every one
you lose, you'll get two.
Don't sound like a quitter.
You're too hot a recruiter
for that."

Gorsuch began to laugh. "You're right little buddy, I am a smooth operator." After hanging up the phone, he turned to Menke and said, "That kid sure

can make you feel special."

"Johnny?" asked Menke. "Yeah, I know. Like you're somebody."

On New Year's Eve, 1984, John went into respiratory failure and his condition continued to worsen for two weeks. Doctors limited hospital visitors to the immediate family, but Richard and Sandra Zimmerman said Gorsuch and Menke were immediate family, and they were allowed to visit any time. They did, daily.

Richard Zimmerman explained that Please turn to page 52

The boy's condition made it exceedingly difficult and painful to perform delicate work that required coordination. And yet, he'd spend hours in his room at night, piecing together and painting model aircraft and tanks, which he'd give to Menke and Gorsuch.

Other Marines learned of Zimmerman's love for the Corps. When both recruiters were out of town during John's junior high graduation, Sgt. Jim Proud escorted him through the ceremony. Terribly sick at the time, John had virtually talked his way out of a

hospital to make graduation, where he was the co-recipient of a prestigious award. With Proud at his side, he showed the audience no sign of his pain.

HE following school year, John entered Fountain Valley High. In a class of disabled students, he was an intellectual standout, challenging teachers in debates and showing his concern for others by going to the defense of a student who'd been enduring taunts from other youths.

"I never saw the kid when he didn't

T'S one of the most frightening words in most languages and America's second-leading killer. It's cancer, a disease that appears to defy medical progress. The national cancer death rate has scarcely changed over the past few decades, and the incidence of cancer has been rising steadily despite the billions of dollars spent on research since 1971, when the federal government started the National Cancer Program.

But leaders in the war against cancer say there are ample signs of hope. They're keeping more cancer patients alive longer with less physical injury by using surgery, radiation and chemotherapy treatment. Even more lives could be saved if doctors and patients would take advantage of the latest treatments and follow advice about prevention.

Most important, the experts say, scientific discoveries made during the past five to 10 years are opening the way for revolutionary methods of prevention and treatment.

"The most encouraging aspect is what we're learning about the conditions that make a cell turn from normal to cancerous," said Dr. John Laszlo, vice president for research at the American Cancer Society. "We've learned more about the causes and nature of cancer in the past 25 years than ever before."

But Laszlo acknowledged that cancer is a formidable enemy. One reason is that the risk of cancer rises with age. Because Americans are living longer, the incidence of cancer is rising relentlessly. That's why experts always use age-adjusted figures when they assess cancer progress.

Another problem is that cancer really is 100 different diseases. For example, the incidence of stomach and uterine cancers has dropped steadily in the United States for the past 30 years, but the colon-cancer rate is down only slightly, and the breast cancer rate has barely changed. Meanwhile, lung cancer incidence has skyrocketed, which researchers attribute to cigarette smoking.

"If you make the age adjustments and subtract lung cancer, overall incidence is down slightly," said Dr. Vincent T.

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LIFE BEYOND

CANCER

Scientific discoveries of the last decade are paving the way for new methods of preventing and treating cancers.

By Edward Edelson

De Vita Jr., former director of the National Cancer Institute and now chief physician at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

The institute's figures show that treatment is now yielding better results. In the 1940s, only one of four cancer patients was alive five years after diagnosis; today, four of every 10 are.

"The results could be better if we use the knowledge that we already have and the data that is steadily emerging from research," DeVita said. "For almost every major cancer, we have studies that are positive in the sense that they show reduced mortality in the study population. These studies simply make better use of the drugs we have now."

NE of the latest examples is a onethird reduction in deaths among patients with colon cancer who were treated with a combination of 5-fluorouracil, a standard cancer drug, and levamisole, a veterinary drug used to treat intestinal worms in animals. Results of a government-sponsored study were so encouraging that the cancer institute sent a letter to 35,000 cancer specialists in October 1989, informing them of the treatment. Levamisole isn't officially approved for human use, but the National Cancer Institute has been providing it for cancer treatment because it combats colon cancer, which will strike 110,000 Americans this year.

Ironically, the National Cancer Institute has to beg patients to enroll in these life-saving programs. It has started a four-year drive to double the number of patients who receive experimental treatment, from 25,000 to 50,000. While that's just a fraction of the nearly 1 million Americans who will be diagnosed this year as having cancer, information from those programs could save many more lives if widely applied.

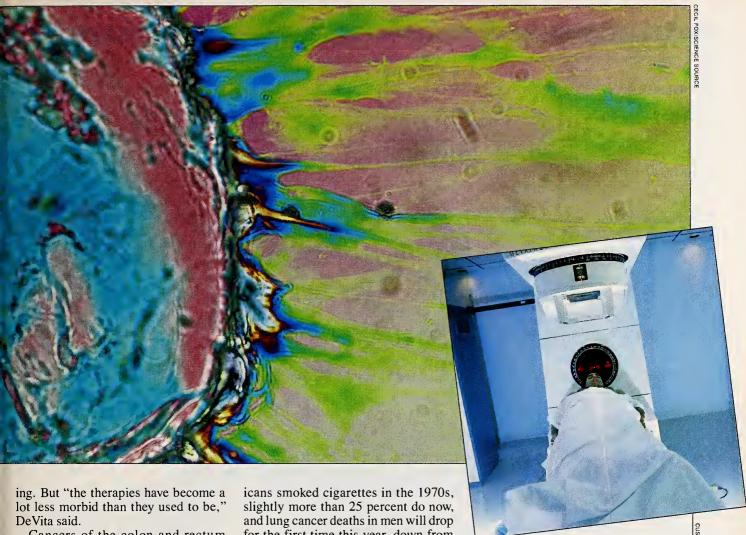
But there's the rub. "The biggest problem we have is transferring the technology," DeVita said.

Dr. Robert E. Wittes, the institute's associate director of cancer-therapy evaluation, added, "We think that patients and doctors alike could stand some education."

One reason participation in experimental programs is low is fear of cancer therapy, which many patients and doctors regard as being painful and mutilat-

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Cancers of the colon and rectum used to require colostomies, but colostomies are rarely performed today.

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Breast cancer once meant radical mastectomies, which remove a great deal of chest muscle, but many more women now have lumpectomies, which remove only the cancerous part of the breast. And in a growing number of cases, follow-up chemotherapy for breast cancer involves a mild drug called tamoxifen, which DeVita described as being "almost like rock candy."

It's much easier to prevent cancer than treat it, though. Fortunately, progress is being made in that area. Experts have known for

more than 20 years how to prevent at least 80 percent of lung-cancer cases. That message seems to be sinking in. While more than 40 percent of Amerfor the first time this year, down from 93,000 in 1989 to 92,000 in 1990, the American Cancer Society reported. But

> the lung-cancer toll in women continues to rise because more younger women are smoking.

> As part of its outreach program, the cancer institute recommends a diet that might help prevent cancer. It urges Americans to eat less fat and more fiber-a 1989 study showed that fiberrich diets could prevent pre-cancerous colon polyps from turning malignant—as well as more foods rich in vitamins A and C, and fewer salt and smoke-cured foods.

> "I see some things in the area of chemo-prevention that are very

exciting,"Laszlo said. "But I think it's going to take maybe five years to know whether we have something. In one of the most interesting trials, 22,000 docON THE ATTACK - When cancerous cells break away, they often regroup again as tumors throughout the body. Radiation is among the treatments used to destroy the cells.

tors are taking beta carotene, a form of vitamin A, to see whether it can reduce cancer incidence.

But the real hope for the future comes from basic research, on which the National Cancer Institute spends more than 75 percent of its budget.

Promising fields of research deal with monoclonal antibodies, colonystimulating factors and oncogenes, giving scientists new understanding of the living cell.

An ordinary antibody is a natural molecule that attacks microbes and foreign tissues in the body, while a monoclonal antibody is a laboratoryproduced molecule designed to attack only tumor tissue. Monoclonal antibodies alone don't kill many cancers, but researchers now are attaching anticancer drugs to these molecules to make them more effective.

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He Pedals For Life

ICK Forgione has been a fighter all his life, and his last bout with cancer hasn't changed that.

"I've been to the wall, and I've seen the green door," said Forgione, a 68-year-old Legionnaire

from Philadelphia. "Now I have a second life. Every day is a bonus."

In 1983, a routine physical led to the discovery of two tumors on Forgione's lower colon. He was a walking dead man unless they were removed. "I told the doctor that I came into the world a whole man, and I was going to leave a whole man. Then the doctor told me that I didn't have a choice. I had to have surgery. I started to cry. I fell to my knees. I was up against the wall."

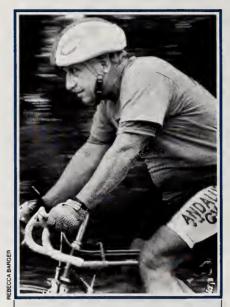
During the seven-hour colostomy operation, Forgione's lower colon was removed and a hole was made in his stomach to allow body wastes to pass. After the operation, he had to cope with the physical and mental rigors of living with a colostomy. But his sense of humor remained undaunted.

"When it was over," he recalled, "I opened my eyes and didn't know what to think. I don't think my brain was working yet. But with all the catheters sticking out of me, I felt like a meatball in a bowl of spaghetti."

As soon as he could walk, he began his recovery. Each day he strolled 21 times around the hospital ward, a total of three miles. After his release from the hospital, Forgione soon became sclf-sufficient enough to fend for himself without a nurse. He started speed walking, then cycling with a secondhand \$35 bike.

Today, he owns a \$1,400 custom bike, rides about 20 miles and trains indoors with leg raises and about 500 half sit-ups daily. Known throughout northeast Philadelphia neighborhoods, Forgione and his cycling partner, 76-year-old Roland Ebert, frequently pedal up the steep hill on Pine Road.

"Pedaling up that hill is a great feel-



BREAKING AWAY — Nick Forgione took up cycling and a new perspective on life after colon surgery.

ing. Most bikers have to get off and walk up. You even sweat driving up it in a car," Forgione mused.

With the same intensity and determination needed to pedal over the Pine Road hill, Forgione has also surmounted his dietary needs to become independent of the waste bag most colostomy patients must constantly wear. "I'm in better physical condition now than I ever was. It's the best part of my life. I used to be a drinker and a garbage eater. I'd eat anything that would come down the pike."

OW, Forgione is more selective in what he eats. His typical breakfast may include eggs (no yolks), lettuce, whole-wheat bread, margarine, jelly and a cup of hot tea. Sometimes he eats a bowl of bran cereal soaked in orange juice, instead of milk. To avoid possible digestive problems, he doesn't cat meat or spicy foods.

Forgione's diet and exercise regimen has given him a new life. But he no

longer lives just for himself; he believes he's been given a divine reprieve and wants to share his blessing with others. In addition to an interview on a national cable health show, Forgione has spoken at several banquets and meetings about his experiences with cancer.

"I thank God for every day I live," he said. "I feel I have to give something back. I'm the exception rather than the rule, and I'm here to give hope, to tell cancer patients that they can live normal lives and not have to be ashamed."

Forgione helps cancer patients learn to cope with misconceptions about cancer. Like Forgione, cancer patients have to endure the physical suffering of cancer in addition to other people's fear about cancer.

"I have a colostomy. I don't have leprosy. But some people won't even shake my hand. Some people believe you can catch cancer by breathing the same air as a cancer patient. Cancer patients have to put up with that, though."

Forgione said he would like to see one thing before he dies: a cure for cancer.

The road to that goal has already led from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., as Forgione pedaled to the nation's capital in September 1988 to raise \$1,500 for the American Cancer Society. In addition to earning the money for cancer research, Forgione, a WWII Navy veteran, Legion member for 32 consecutive years and current member of Post 366 of Philadelphia, was scheduled to meet with President Ronald Reagan to discuss Vietnam veterans' problems. Forgione didn't meet Reagan, but Rep. Robert A. Borski of Pennsylvania noted Forgione's 14hour, 165-mile trek in the Congressional

Clips from the Congressional Record, newspapers and magazines fill the scrapbook Forgione's family has compiled, but there are plenty of blank pages left. "I've made my mark, but I'm going to continue being a one-man gang against cancer."

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he Supreme Court decision that declared the Flag Protection Act of 1989 unconstitutional was no surprise to the Legion," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling.

"The American Legion has always maintained that the federal legislation was not enough," Epling said. "Now it is time to direct our attention to the full-scale campaign for a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. An amendment is the only sure way to preserve the dignity and honor of the Stars and Stripes."

As the magazine went to press, the House of Representatives voted 254-177 against a constitutional amendment proposal that would have prohibited the physical desecration of the U.S. Flag. Legion officials said they were not surprised by the outcome of the vote and would continue to press for the amendment.

In the 5-4 June 11 decision, the same justices who voted against the federal flag protection law also opposed the flagburning statute tested in the June 1989 *Texas v. Johnson* case. Justice William J. Brennan Jr. wrote the majority opinion and was joined by Justices Thurgood Marshall, Harry A. Blackmun, Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy. Justice John Paul Stevens wrote the dissenting opinion, and Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Byron R. White and Sandra Day O'Connor also were in the minority.

The decision, which upheld federal court rulings declaring the new flag law unconstitutional, combined the cases U.S. v. Eichman from a Washington, D.C., federal court and U.S. v. Haggerty, from a Seattle federal court. Both courts dismissed the cases.

Congress passed the Flag Protection Act of 1989 in October in an attempt to thwart a constitutional amendment prohibiting the desecration of the U.S. Flag.

At press time, Sens. Robert Dole and Howell Heflin of Alabama, in a letter to members of the Senate, asked for support of S.J. Res. 332, which calls for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration

he American Legion is taking legal action to compel completion of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) study of the affect upon Vietnam veterans from exposure to Agent Orange.

Legion officials confirmed at press time their intention to pursue the actions recommended in Res. 44 passed by the National Executive Committee at the 1990 Spring Meeting. The suit will probably be filed in Washington, D.C. According to the resolution, the lawsuit against the U.S. government and agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs and the CDC seeks completion of the epidemiological study of Victnam veterans mandated by Congress in 1979 and demands an accounting of the more than \$63 million the CDC budgeted to conduct the study—a study that was never completed despite the CDC's claims.

Legion officials want the CDC to complete the task it was assigned and to account for the funds. According to Res. 44, "The American Legion believes the CDC should be account-

able to the American public, particularly to the thousands of Vietnam veterans and their families who might be affected by the direct or indirect exposure to Agent Orange.

Dioxin, a leading cancer-causing agent, has been linked to unusually high incidence of cancer of Vietnam-era veterans, particularly rare forms of cancer like non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and soft-tissue sarcoma.

Res. 44 authorizes Legion officials to spend up to \$20,000 to cover initial costs in filing the suit and for expenses related to the discovery portion of the case. The NEC resolution also allows the Legion's legal team to work with other organizations that may file similar lawsuits to force the CDC to complete its Agent Orange study and account for the funds appropriated by Congress when such collaboration is authorized by the National Commander.

he 1 millionth participant in the Montgomery GI Bill, Pfc. Darrell S. Bowens, a driver assigned to the Army 3rd Infantry at Fort Myer, Va., was recently honored at the White House.

President George Bush recognized Bowens, formerly of Apopka, Fla., and 11 other service members for their enrollment in the military's education benefit program, which began in 1985.

"The Montgomery GI Bill ranks as one of the most practical and cost-efficient programs ever devised," Bush said during the White House Rose Garden ceremony. "The program has more than paid for itself. Even as payouts increase, four decades of experience have shown . . . increased earnings from educated GIs mean an increase in tax revenues for America."

The 22-year-old Bowens said his Army experience will help him finish his degree in hotel management, and he plans to apply for a commission as an officer.

ervice-connected disabled veterans receiving VA disability compensation could receive a 4.1 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) under a bill being considered by the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

The increase, which would become effective Dec. 1 if passed, would affect 2.2 million disabled veterans, and 300,000 widows and survivors of those who died from service-connected conditions, according to Philip Wilkerson, assistant director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rchabilitation Commission.

Additional compensation for dependents is currently provided for spouses, children and dependent parents of veterans who are rated 30 percent or more disabled.

The bill also would increase, from \$1,500 to \$4,500, the limit on payments to the estate of an incompetent veteran who has neither a spouse nor child and who is receiving care in a government-funded domiciliary. NECmen at the 1989 Spring meeting urged in Res. 9 that the limit on a veteran's estate be increased to \$5,500.

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'FOR GOD AND COUNTRY'

HE AMERICAN LEGION: An Official History, a 556-page chronicle of the creation and development of the nation's largest organization of wartime veterans, is now available to Legionnaires at a prepublication discount. (See page 43.) The book details the personalities, the philosophies and the events that helped shape the Legion and the nation since 1919.

Part of the shaping came as a result of the oratory in times of crisis, such as this excerpt from a speech delivered to the National Executive Committee by Harry Colmery, when the Economy Act of 1933 wiped out much of the veterans' legislation the Legion fought to enact.

"If we are to understand what has happened to veterans' legislation, we must be frank, we must express our opinions courageously, and if we are to profit by what has happened, we must now examine our own weaknesses.

"For years a hodgepodge of legislation pertaining to World War veterans has been enacted into law, all requiring vast sums of money. A tremendous body of regulations has followed.

"Some of our resolutions have displeased the drys, some have shocked sincere pacifists, some have affronted citizens desiring greater cooperation with world affairs, some have ruffled certain nationalities, some have discredited citizens of high standing, some have offended the medical profession, some have wounded large numbers of those professing Protestant faith, some have alienated high-minded servicemen, many have antagonized big business.

A new history book details the evolution of The American Legion and its service to the nation.

LANDMARK—Nat'l Cmdr. Warren Atherton (r) was greeted by FDR after passage of the GI Bill.

"I am wholly aware that any strong organization, as any strong individual, is bound to incur opposition no matter what its merits, no matter how just its cause. I am not seeking now to assess or to allege blame, nor to say what I should have done or refrained from doing had the power been mine to do or not to do. Rather, I am calling attention to what I believe to be an indisputable fact, that since our organization has slowly and in part inevitably developed an opposi-

tion, that there has gradually developed a suspicion of our purposes and doubt of our patriotism. One by one we have antagonized.

"The New Deal for America and the new deal for veterans presents a challenge and an opportunity for The American Legion. If we are merely obstructive, if we are not actively constructive, we will have declined the challenge. If we fail intelligently to evaluate ourselves, if we fail to assert and assume

> our place in American life, as the great patriotic organization of all time, if we fail to sense changing conditions and changing opinion, if we fail to realize that for The American Legion, America is first, we will have missed our opportunity, and opportunity may not come again.

> Oratory alone was insufficient to develop programs and policies that would recompense veterans for their sacrifices and help shape policies that would benefit all Americans. That required men and women of vision and determination. One such person was John Thomas Taylor, the Legion's first full-time lobbyist in Washington.

Wavy-maned, mustachioed, well-fed and partial to lobster Newburg, sporting pearl gray spats, a snap-brim hat, a white linen handkerchief tucked in his lapel pocket

and armed always with a Malacca cane, Col. John Thomas Taylor was the acknowledged dean of lobbyists. Self-confident to a fault, his perpetual expression of suppressed fury was the practiced mirror-perfect visage of a determined, no-nonsense advocate for veterans. Affectation or not, it was the countenance of one widely acknowledged to be a success at his vocation.

Like the Legion itself, he burst onto Please turn page the scene of veterans' advocacy with energy, ambition and ability. His store of righteous anger over any slight dealt to veterans and his untiring capacity for the legwork required for successful lobbying were traits counted upon by the first American Legionnaires.

Taylor's stature increased notably with the press when he figured prominently in the reversal of that part of the Economy Act that in March 1933 had suddenly and shockingly depleted most of the previous gains achieved for veterans, having led the successful countercharge to restore the 14-year gains in veterans' legislation, scoring yet another override of a presidential veto in 1934.

Depicted in his WWI uniform complete with an impressive array of medals, Taylor peered from the Jan. 21, 1935, cover of *TIME* as if looking askance at some unyielding member of Congress. There he was billed as the "high priest" of Legion legislation and who "put three presidents (Coolidge, Hoover and F.D.R.) in their place."

And the history of the Legion has not been without its battles that pitted prominent Legionnaires against top government officials, ranging from the President of the United States to lesser luminaries such as the administrator of the VA. One example which captured newspaper headlines involved Nat'l Cmdr. John Stelle's public argument with VA Administrator Gen. Onar Bradley over the dispensing of benefits to the millions of veterans returning from World War II.

Perhaps the most memorable event, certainly the most publicized, relating to rehabilitation in 1946, was the furor caused by the way in which National Commander John Stelle caused public attention to be riveted for a time on the VA's problems in providing the new services and benefits.

Stelle had chaired the special committee that had drafted the GI Bill of Rights. Though he had participated in the Legion's most shining legislative accomplishment so far, Stelle's year was one of much controversy inside and outside the Legion, particularly that generated by his charge regarding the VA's "unbalanced diet of promises."

In a press conference in Washington, Stelle read a 1,200-word statement that included a detailed "10 Point Objective" for bolstering the VA's response to the postwar influx of veterans' claims. In the discussion that followed the news conference, Stelle was moved to add, "What we need in charge of the VA is a

seasoned businessman, not a soldier, however good a soldier he may be." Those few words sparked a controversy that burdened the relationship of the Legion and the VA for several months.

Hardly had Stelle uttered the remark than it was recast in the press as a demand for Bradley's ouster. Soon it was assumed by many, including many Legionnaires, that the national commander had stepped over the line of legitimate criticism of the VA to launch a personal attack on the popular, much honored Omar Bradley. Stelle and the Legion headquarters denied any such intent. But the headlines persisted for several weeks in reporting a Stelle ver-

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sus Bradley imbroglio, a development that distracted attention from the Legion's long list of justified complaints about the problems at the VA and that caused divisiveness within the Legion itself.

With the indictment by the Legion of unsatisfactory, even alarming, VA practices and then the furor over Stelle's supposed insult to Bradley to consider, the NEC met in mid-February, several weeks earlier than usual, to hear not only about the problems of the VA, but about what was now a problem of public relations. It was only the fifth time in the 27-year history of the Legion that such a special session had been called.

National Commander Stelle wired an invitation to Bradley to attend the NEC meeting for a "firsthand discussion" of the problems at the VA. But Bradley

objected strongly to the wording of the invitation announcing as it did a "most respectful hearing." To him that word implied a cross-examination or some other objectionable review of his administration. The teletype message from the Washington Legion headquarters to National Headquarters in Indianapolis told the story succinctly: "Bradley rejects invitation."

At the National Convention at San Francisco later that year, Bradley got his chance to vent his frustration with the criticism leveled by Stelle. On Monday, the opening day of the convention, though never faulting The American Legion in his speech...Bradley listed his objections to the recent criticism of himself. Specifically did he direct each of his retorts to, "My host, your national commander." Repeating that tactic more than a dozen times throughout his relatively short speech, the Veterans Administrator drew attention in a manner rarely if ever done before to the actions of a Legion National Commander in a way that heaped on that officer the full responsibility for the current confrontation.

That point he sought to make clearly near the end of his speech by saying, "What we have been able to accomplish during this year in the Veterans Administration has been achieved not because of, but in spite of, your National Commander."

Throughout this illuminating history of The American Legion are the behind-thescenes stories of how Universal Military Training was debated for decades, the passage of the GI Bill of Rights, the building of the Vietnam Veterans memorial, the challenges faced by National Commanders and grassroots Legionnaires, and the organizaton's growth as the chief advocate of veterans' concerns and issues.

"I've written a public history rather than a scholarly history," said Thomas Rumer, author of the book. Authorization for the book was given by the National Executive Committee at the 1986 Spring Meeting when it adopted Res. 32.

A history book committee was established and chaired by Mississippi NECman Ralph Godwin. PNC Al Keller Jr. of Illinois became chairman after Godwin's death. Others in the committee include PNC E. Roy Stone Jr. of South Carolina, Kansas NECman U.S. "Udie" Grant, national officers, and members of the National Headquarters staff.

"In every sense," Rumer said, "the study of The American Legion is a study of American history."



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PNC John E. Davis, 77, Dies; Former Governor

AST National Commander John E. Davis, 77, Bismarck, N.D., died May

12 at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

A highly decorated Army veteran of World War II who served as an infantry commander, Davis was elected National Commander for the 1966-67 term. He also served two two-year terms as North Dakota governor and as the director of the Civil Defense Preparedness Agency from 1969 until 1977.

After leaving the service, Davis joined James Roberts Post 124 of McClusky, N.D., which later honored him with life membership. He was elected Department Commander (1947-48) and also served as Department Vice Commander (1946-47). On the National level, Davis was a long time member of the National Security Commission and served as its Vice Chairman from 1964 until 1966. Also, he was an alternate National Executive Committeeman and ex-officio member of the National Finance Commission. Davis also served three terms on The American Legion National Overseas Graves Decoration Trust

In addition to his service to the Legion and as governor, Davis also served eight years as mayor of McClusky and four years in the North



PNC John E. Davis

Dakota state senate. A rancher and former president of First National Bank in McClusky, Davis also spearheaded the construction of the All Veterans Centennial Memorial on the state Capitol grounds in Bismarck in 1988.

Davis is survived by his wife, Marilyn, two sons, two stepsons, a stepdaughter, two brothers and a sister.

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New York Legionnaires Rally To Disaster Relief

HE Department

of New York has

become the top contributor to The American Legion's National Emergency Fund, set up last fall to help victims of Hurricane Hugo and the Loma Prieta earthquake in California.

At press time, New York Legionnaires had contributed \$67,445 of the \$425,000 collected for the relief grants. The Department's most recent donation was \$14,000, presented at the 1990 Spring Meeting.

"The efforts of New York

Legionnaires are superb," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling. "I'm confident we will reach our goal with contributions such as New York's."

The National Executive Committee re-established the fund last year. The purpose of the perpetual fund is to assist Legionnaires, their families and Legion Posts affected by the hurricane and earthquake. It also will be used to help victims of future natural disasters. The NEC ensured the continuity of the program when it adopted Res. 35 at the 1990 Spring

Meeting in Indianapolis.

New York Department Adjutant Richard Pedro attributed his Department's success to getting the word out about the fund and who it helps. "We have a good line of communication between our Legion Districts, Counties and Posts," Pedro said. There are about 200,000 Legionnaires in New York's 1,133 Posts.

When the emergency fund began, letters were sent out to all County Commanders asking them to contact Post Commanders in their jurisdictions and to begin collecting donations. Individual contributors were recognized for their help and awarded plaques at New York's Department convention in July.

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ULL refunds are available to Legionnaires and American Legion Auxiliary members who subscribed to the defunct Better Times magazine in 1985.

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Compensation Ordered For Sarcoma Victims



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"I believe this is another step forward in resolving a most difficult and emotional issue," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski. "We intend to proceed as quickly as possible to award compensation to these veterans who are so deserving of our care and concern."

Derwinski's decision was based on the conclusions of a review of studies by the Veterans Advisory Committee on Environmental Affairs, an independent group, whose members include retired Adm. Elmo Zumwalt (see story, page 16). The committee found that there is more likely than not a significant link between dioxin herbicides and soft-tissue sarcomas.

Dioxin is a known cancercausing product found in herbicides such as Agent Orange. Soft-tissue sarcomas are malignant tumors usually found in muscles, connective tissue and body fat.

More than 1,100 Vietnam veterans or their survivors will receive payments, with an additional 50 claims expected each year thereafter. A VA spokesperson said some of the payments, which will total about \$8 million

annually, will be retroactive, but did not specify which veterans and survivors would qualify.

"Granting this compensation is a small but positive step," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling, after learning of Derwinski's action. "This marks the first government recognition that cancers are linked to exposure to Agent Orange, and indicates VA finally has begun to address some of the serious medical problems which face Vietnam veterans exposed to the herbicide.

"The isssue does not end here," Epling continued. "The VA finding is just the beginning. Until our government addresses the Agent Orange problem completely and honestly, more veterans will suffer."

Last March, VA announced it would grant disability payments to Vietnam veterans for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL). In making the



Secretary Derwinski

announcement, Derwinski said the decision was based not on science, but on "compassion." The action followed the controversial Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Selected Cancers Study, which found an increased incidence of NHL in Vietnam veterans.

"It would have been totally impossible to link NHL or any other disease with Agent Orange exposure based on the Selected Cancers Study," Epling said. "Agent Orange exposure was not measured in the study, regardless of statements made by CDC officials."

'90 Leadership Workshops Set

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HE National Leadership Workshops for 1990 will be at the following

times and locations. Legionnaires are requested to make reservations at the motels and hotels listed.

Region I: Oct. 5-7, Providence, R.I., Marriott (401) 272-2400.

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Region IV: Sept. 14-16, Austin, Texas, Marriott (501) 478-1111.

Region V: Sept. 14-16, Brookfield, Wis., Marriott (414) 786-1100.

Region VI: Sept. 21-23, Topeka, Kan., Ramada Inn (913) 233-8981.

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ESPN To Televise Legion World Series



SPN will televise the final game of 65th American Legion Baseball

World Series 1 p.m., Aug. 29 (EST).

This year will be the third consecutive year the sports channel has broadcast the Legion World Series Championship game, which will be played Aug. 26 and aired three days late.

About 4,000 Legion teams

are participating in the tournament, and the top teams from eight regions will begin the double-elimination tournament Aug. 22 in Corvallis, Ore.

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QUESTION: How can certain foods cause you to lose

weight?
ANSWER: Experiments have shown that 19 particularly healthful and nutritious foods (some of which are vegetables and fruits) burn more calories than they contribute. So the more you eat, the more you burn off your excess weight. These foods (with nega-tive calories) are transformed into energy, not fat.

C: How is this possible?

A: The power of negative calorie foods to dissolve excess fat will seem obvious to you when you understand how your body accumulates fat.

You are born with a certain number of "adipose"

cells. These adipose cells swell up and multiply when you take on too much weight. As soon as your metabolism slows down, this allows carbohydrate-based foods to be changed into fat. This fat is stored.

Therefore, you cannot lose weight by draining the fat from the cells

You can only do this in three ways: omit foods that are rich in fat (dieting); intensive exercising; or eating foods with negative calories that burn off the fat and drain it from your cells.

Obviously, it is the last method that is far and away the easiest because it requires no effort, no deprivation.

Oz: How many pounds can you lose per week?
A: If you are more than 20 pounds overweight, you lose an average of five to six pounds in the first week, and three to four pounds in subsequent

If you are more than 20 pounds overweight, you will lose weight even more quickly. Some people with more than 40 pounds to lose have lost up to 12 pounds in the first week

Do you have to follow some kind of special diet? Or is it just a question of adding negative calorie foods to your normal diet?

A: You don't have to follow any diet, or change anything in your lifestyle. You can eat pastries, sauces, butter, cake, anything you want. The only thing you have to do is add negative calorie foods to your normal diet...and watch your

pounds and rolls of fat disappear.

Q: How many negative calorie foods do I have to

add to my normal diet?

A: Just add 25% of your normal diet. But you can exceed that amount because the more negative calorie foods you eat, the more quickly you lose

Weight:

C: Instead of adding these negative calorie foods, can I just replace 25% of my normal diet with them?

A: Yes, because that is not really important. The only thing that is important is to absorb at least 25% in negative calorie foods because these are the ones that burn off the excess fat and cause you to

: Will it be easy for me to maintain my ideal weight

after losing my excess pounds?

A: Most people who lose weight with diets or pills or other methods quickly gain back the weight they

But with negative calorie foods, it is different. The only thing you have to do to keep slim is to add negative calorie foods to your normal diet.

Q: What are these negative calorie foods? Where can you get them?

A: All these negative calorie foods are natural foods. There are 19 of them. Among them are fruits, vegetables and other natural foods that you will find in any supermarket or at your grocer.

Q: Is there any proof that people have tried negative

calorie foods and have really lost weight?

A: Everyone who has added negative calorie foods to their normal diet has lost weight. Here are some excerpts from letters we have received.

"I had tried everything...

"I have lost 35 pounds. All my life I have suffered from being fat and I had tried everything to lose weight. The negative calorie foods are the only thing that have ever worked for me. I feel like a new woman. My husband also lost 23 pounds. We are delighted to have rediscovered the joy of life that we had long since lost."

"My excess weight melted away...

three weeks, I lost 19 pounds of excess weight Since then I have not regained that fat. Because I had already tried so many methods and medications to lose weight, I no longer believed in any of them. But I tried this anyway. Thank heaven! Maybe my experience can be of help to other people."

Miss Francine P.

"I thought I would be fat all my lite..

1 often dreamed of becoming slim, but nothing I ever tried ever helped me lose weight. Now I have discovered negative calories. I lost 23 pounds in two short weeks and a total of 68 pounds more quickly than I would have dared to hope. My husband told me last night that I am prettier than I ever have

Q: I have read in a magazine that negative calorie foods not only help you lose weight, but also improve

A: Yes. Negative calorie foods were discovered by A. tes. Negative calorie floods were discovered by mutritionist physicians during their search for heal-thier foods. When you add negative calorie foods to your normal diet, you lose weight but you also lower and normalize your cholesterol rate. This always con-

tributes to your health.

Q: I have already tried bean pod capsules, pineapple capsules, other methods, other diets, and nothing helped me lose weight. Why would it be different this time?

uns uner A. Because the process of negative calories is natu-ral: you burn off more calories than you absorb. Because everyone who has tried them has lost weight, there is no reason that it would work for everyone else and not for you. The results are so certain that you can try this at our risk, and with no

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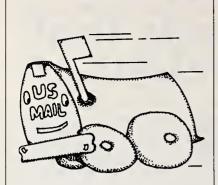
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MARINE

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Johnny probably wouldn't survive this latest setback. Gorsuch felt helpless, but then he had an idea. He decided to make John Zimmerman a Marine.

There was no time to get bogged down with red tape, so he called area recruiting director Maj. Robert Robichaud in San Diego, and explained the situation. Robichaud said he'd be there the next day. Menke had fellow Marine Sgt. Scott Hall draw up an official proclamation.

On Jan. 15, 1985, standing by John's bedside, Maj. Robichaud made Zimmerman an honorary Marine. "This appointee," he said, "is to render strict obedience to orders of superior officers and to diligently discharge the duties pertaining to his post."

Three days later, after a long fight against impossible odds, young Zimmerman passed on. Gorsuch spoke at the funeral, saying that "Marines learn to never give up and John definitely had that quality. He left a lot with me. I am honored that I was able to play a part in

his life, as a big brother and as a fellow Marine. Semper Fi."

After the service, Menke and Gorsuch approached the casket together, unpinned their Marine ribbons and medals, and placed them on John's chest.

Several years before, while on a vacation in Hawaii, John asked his father if he could be buried at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, the famed Punchbowl. A few days before he died, he scrawled a reminder note to his father: "Punchbowl. Will you visit me?"

The father had no idea if this were possible, because such cemeteries are reserved for military personnel and their families. The Zimmermans didn't qualify. But he remembered how John always attacked things that he initially said weren't possible. "But Dad, did you ask? Did you just ask?"

Richard asked and soon received assistance from California Sen. Pete Wilson, who wrote President Ronald Reagan. "I'm sure we can depend on the kindness of veterans and nonveterans to understand the circumstances, and most importantly, the courage of John Zimmerman, Honorary Marine." Within three weeks of John's death, Reagan signed an executive directive, allowing the boy's cremated remains to be buried at the Punchbowl.

As word of this remarkable youth spread to Hawaii, more than 30 Marines at Oahu's Camp Smith eagerly volunteered for the funeral detail. Gorsuch had to remain at the recruiting station, but Menke accompanied the Zimmermans to Hawaii. A staff car met the sergeant at the airport, and as John's friend, he was treated like visiting brass.

At the ceremony, John was given a 21-gun salute. As Marine Col. Jack Graham said then: "Courage isn't limited to battlefields. The Marine Corps has a saying: 'The Marines need a few good men.' They found one in John Zimmerman."

Following the ceremony, a beefy Marine commander shook hands with Richard and Sandra. Voice cracking with emotion, the barrel-chested Marine said simply, "He's part of the family now."

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PRYING EYES

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the incursion if the magazine hadn't publicized it. The implication is clear: Anyone can poke through your financial records for any reason under the sun, and you won't know a thing about it.

A new concern about credit bureaus is the sale of material from their files to people who want to sell you something. We get more junk mail and more hardsell telephone calls than ever before because our names appear on more lists of likely prospects. A list might be as broad as all the families in your city with children. It could be as narrow as people in a certain neighborhood, those earning more than \$50,000 a year, or people with three active retail charge accounts, a credit card, or a new car.

There are many sources of names for those who compile lists: telephone directories, marriage records, home ownership, voter registration records, college alumni directories, and professional and business organizations. Because credit bureaus know so much about you, they're a gold mine of information for list compilers.

Raasch worries about the annoyance of getting all that junk mail. She estimates that 20,000 marketing firms rely on data bases to build their mailing lists. Once a list is compiled, it may be

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rented out many times. One list can bring a lot of junk mail.

She also worries about her privacy. "Because I have filled out applications for credit cards, my salary range is available to every marketer in the country," she said.

Even saying "no" to a solicitation won't get your name off a list. Because you said no, instead of merely pitching the solicitation in the wastebasket, you are now considered especially responsive to direct mail advertising.

There are some laws on privacy you should know about.

The Privacy Act of 1974 was supposed to let you see and correct all the files that federal agencies keep on you and to keep those agencies from sharing those files among themselves.

But because of the loopholes, agencies that want to share information about you can do so easily. And while you can ask to see the files an agency has on you, if the agency refuses, all you can do is hire a lawyer and sue.

YOUR MILITARY RECORDS

Y OU can be dead sure that the record of your military service is on file. According to the Department of Defense (DoD), your service record is kept for your lifetime, plus 25 years. If you've ever dealt with VA, you're on file there, too.

Both the DoD and VA will let you see and correct your files. Both insist outsiders can't invade your file. "They don't give out records," said William Cavaney, director of the DoD's Defense Privacy Office. "Try to get one for someone else and you'll find out."

Once you leave the service, your military records go to the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63172. For a free copy of your file, write the center, give your name, Social Security or service number, date and

place of birth, branch of service and date of separation. Be specific about the relationship if you want information about a deceased relative.

To correct an error in your file, contact the Board for the Correction of Military Records for your branch of service. Use Form 180 to speed your request for records, and Form 149 to have records corrected. The nearest Department Service Officer or your American Legion Department headquarters can locate the forms for you.

To check out your VA file, write the VA office nearest you. If there's an error in your file, Marjorie Leandri of VA's Records Management Service said to submit proof to back your position. Even if VA doesn't agree with you, you still can put your version in your file. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 was meant to safeguard the records that schools keep on students. Those records might include everything from grades and test scores to teachers' nasty comments.

FERPA, as the law is called, lets parents see their kid's school records, correct errors and add clarifying statements. The school is supposed to remind you each year that you have this right, and to tell you where all the records on your children are kept. You also are supposed to have a say in who else gets to see your child's school records.

But the law doesn't cover private schools. School records can be kept in many places, in the teacher's desk or the nurse's office, and you can't be sure you've seen them all. If the school breaks the law and passes along damaging information about your child, you can't do much about it.

If the privacy laws don't protect you 100 percent, what can you do to keep your private life private? Here is the best advice from experts on privacy:

- Try to ascertain which organizations keep files on you and your family—from government agencies, credit bureaus, your employer. Try to examine those files periodically. If you find errors, correct them.
- Don't give out more information about yourself than you must. If you can, don't provide your address or phone number when making a credit card purchase. The credit card company, not the merchant, is responsible for collecting the charge. This information is often requested so it can be sold to a list compiler.
- Be wary about who you give information to. Don't respond to telephone or mail "surveys" that ask details that could be useful to someone who wants to sell you something. When you apply for a credit card, ask who will be contacted for more information about you—and whether information about you will be sold to others.
- If you get mail you don't want, try to find out how your name got on the list. Check the way your name appears on mailing labels for magazines and other material that come in the home. When you learn who sold your name, tell them to stop.
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DEMOCRACY

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Christianity. Is such a thing possible?

That is like mixing water with oil; the oil will always remain on top. Marxism is incompatible with Christianity partly because of the absence of God. To the Marxists, the only god is the party and its power.

Q. What caused the political split in your family?

The division in our family has resulted from the polarization of our society. It's ending because the people continue to mature and the times continue to change. I predict a reconciliation, and I think it will take place soon among all Nicaraguan families.

1. How can the United States help Nicaragua economically?

I sent a commission to talk about the economy and how the United States is going to help us. Japan is also very interested in helping Nicaragua. We welcome investment from the democracies as we move into a new era of freedom and progress.

Q. Communists in Europe now say Marxism is a failure and are turning to free-market economies. How do the Sandinistas answer that criticism from nations that tried the system?

They also tried to turn to market economies, but it was too late. They had no credibility and they are terrible administrators. So either in market economy or socialism, they proved to be a failure.

Would you comment on Ortega's lobbying of the U.S. Congress and others in the United States?

They used the U.S. laws to their advantage and made fun of Congress, but the Nicaraguan people had the last laugh.

U. What will be the role of the opposition in Nicaragua?

This doesn't depend on me. I hope they adopt a constructive patriotic position as a second strength of the country, so we can go ahead with rebuilding the country's economy. I promise to respect their rights as the opposition as they never respected ours. That's how democracy is.

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AGENT ORANGE

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than 20 years after a veteran's service in Vietnam were the only valid means of determining a veteran's exposure to Agent Orange. In addition, Dr. Houk further 'assumed' that the half-life for dioxin in the blood was seven years. When the underlying data for Houk's assumptions were recently reviewed, however, 11 percent of the blood tests were invalid (i.e. study subjects had higher values of dioxin in their blood in 1987 than in 1982 even though the subjects had no known subsequent exposure to dioxin) and the half-lives of dioxin in the remaining study subjects ranged from a low of 2 to a high of 740 years.

"Yet despite this tremendous variance in the data and the high incidence of false results, Houk and the CDC concluded, rather remarkably, that a large-scale exposure study was simply not possible since 'negative' blood tests appeared to 'confirm' that study subjects were not even exposed to Agent

"While the CDC's changes in protocol have been 'justified,' however unreasonably, on the basis of 'scientific' explanations, what cannot be justified is the evidence of political interference in the design, implementation and drafting of results of the CDC study by administration officials rather than CDC scientists. As early as 1986, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce documented how untutored officials of the Office of Management and Budget interfered with and second guessed the professional judgments of agency scientists and multidisciplinary panels of outside peer-review experts effectively to alter or forestall CDC research on the effects of Agent Orange, primarily on the grounds that 'enough' dioxin research has already been done. These Agent Orange hearings revealed additional examples of political interference in the CDC's Agent Orange projects by members of the White House Agent Orange Working Group.

"Dr. Philip J. Landrigan, the former director of the Environmental Hazards branch at the CDC, upon discovering the various irregularities in CDC procedures, concluded that the errors were so egregious as to warrant an independent investigation not only of the methodollogy employed by the CDC in its validation study, but also a specific inquiry into what actually transpired at the Center for Environmental Health of the

"With these suspicions in mind, it should come as no surprise that those familiar with the CDC's work found little credence in the conclusions reached by the CDC in its recently released Selected Cancers Study. Even though CDC has previously stated that it believes exposure to Agent Orange is impossible to assess, it found no difficulty in reporting to the press upon the release of the Selected Cancers Study that exposure to Agent Orange does not cause cancer. This conclusion was reached despite the fact that the CDC made no effort to determine, through military records or blood/adipose-tissue tests, if study subjects were, indeed, exposed to dioxin; nor did the CDC attempt to verify exposure to Agent Orange of these study subjects who actually contracted cancerous diseases.

"Unfortunately, political interference in government-sponsored studies associated with Agent Orange has been the norm, not the exception. As recently as March 9, 1990, Sen. Daschle disclosed compelling evidence of additional political interference in the Air Force Ranch Hand study, a separate government-sponsored study meant to examine the correlation between exposure to Agent Orange and harmful health effects among Air Force veterans who participated in Agent Orange spraying missions under Operation Ranch Hand.

"By altering the study's conclusion, opponents of Agent Orange compensation were able to point to 'irrefutable proof' that Agent Orange is not a health problem: If those veterans most heavily exposed to Agent Orange did not manifest any serious health problems, they argued, then it could safely be deduced that no veteran allegedly exposed to Agent Orange in smaller doses could have health problems. Yet, when Sen. Daschle questioned Air Force scientists on why discrepancies existed between an Air Force draft of Ranch Hand Study and the final report actually released to the press, the answers suggested not merely disagreements in data evaluation, but the perpetration of fraudulent conclusions. In a word, the major premise was badly flawed. Air Force scientists also admitted that Air Force and White House management representatives were involved in scientific decisions in spite of the study's protocol which prohibited such involvement.

'For the Air Force to have made the statement in Feb. 23, 1990 of no evidence of a link between exposure to Agent Orange and the cancer problems

experienced by Ranch Handers is, as Sen. Daschle notes, 'patently false.'

"This week (May 16) a scientific task force (the Agent Orange Scientific Task Force working with The American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America and the National Veterans Legal Services Project) after reviewing the scientific literature related to the potential human effects associated with exposure to phenoxyacetic acid herbicides and/or their associated contaminants (chlorinated dioxins) concluded that it is at least as likely as not that exposure to Agent Orange is linked to the following diseases: non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, soft tissue sarcoma, skin disorders/ chloracne, subclinical heptotoxic effects (including secondary coproporphyrinuria and chornic hepatic porphyria), porphyria cutanea tarda, reproductive and developmental effects, neurologic effects and Hodgkin's disease.

"After having evaluated and considered all of the known evidence on Agent Orange and dioxin contaminants, it is evident to me that enough is known about the current trends in the study of dioxin, and their linkage with certain cancers upon exposure, to give the exposed Vietnam veterans the benefit of the doubt. This benefit of the doubt takes on added credence given two separate means for determining exposure to Agent Orange: 1. HERBs and Service HERBs tapes establishing troop location for comparison with recorded Ranch Hand spraying missions: and 2. blood testing from living veterans to ascertain elevated dioxin levels. The inexplicable unwillingness of the CDC to utilize this data has had the effect of masking the real increase in the rate of cancers among the truly exposed.

"Since science is now able to conclude with as great a likelihood as not that dioxins are carcinogenic directly and indirectly through immunosuppression, and since a large proportion of those exposed to dioxin can be so ascertained, I am of the view that the compensation issue for service-related illnesses associated with exposure to Agent Orange should be resolved in favor of Vietnam veterans in one of the two following ways:

Alternative 1:

"Any Vietnam veteran, or Vietnam veteran's child who has a birth defect, should be presumed to have a service-connected health effect if that person suffers from the type of health effects consistent with dioxin exposure, and the veteran's health or service record established abnormally high TCDD in blood tests or the veteran's presence

within 20 kilometers and 30 days of a known sprayed area (as shown by HERBs tapes and corresponding company records) or the veteran's presence at fire-base perimeters or brown water operations where there is reason to believe Agent Orange sprayings have occurred.

"Under this, alternative compensation would not be provided for those veterans whose exposure came from TCDD by way of the food chain; silt runoff from sprayed areas into unsprayed waterways; some unrecorded U.S. or allied Agent Orange sprayings; inaccurately recorded sprayings; or sprayings whose wind draft was greater than 20 kilometers. Predictably, problems generated by the foregoing oversights, the mass of data to be analyzed as claims were filed, and the known loss of many service records would invalidate many veterans' claims.

Alternative 2:

"Any Vietnam veteran or child of a Vietnam veteran who experiences a TCDD-like health effect shall be presumed to have a service-connected disability. This alternative is admittedly broader than the first, and would provide benefits for some veterans who were not exposed to Agent Orange and whose disabilities are not presumably truly service-connected. Nevertheless, it is the only alternative that will not unfairly preclude receipt of benefits by a TCDD-exposed Vietnam veteran.

"Furthermore, this alternative is consistent with the Secretary's decision regarding the service-connection of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, as well as legal precedent with respect to other diseases presumed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to be connected to one or more factors related to military service, i.e. veterans exposed to atomic radiation and POWs with spastic colon.

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ance, as simple as a toaster or television to adults."

In a typical application, Draper's students work in groups of two, sharing a Macintosh computer to build an abstract model on the screen. One group of beginners enters data on populations, making feedback loops involving fac-

tors such as food, birth and death rate, and the number of children per couple. By the fourth class period, the completed model looks like a plumbing diagram on the computer screen. One "tank" represents the number of people, with pipes marked "births" and "deaths" flowing toward and away from it. Students can enter any numbers they want to test what happens to population when "kids per couple" or "food per person" or other factors change.

A week after the model had started to run on the screens, Draper gave one class a test that included this question: "Why is it that just sending food to starving populations in Africa may make the problem worse in the long run? What can we do to help them work out a real solution?"

Because they had been trained in systems thinking, several students found the sophisticated question to be child's play. One student wrote: "Sending food to Africa helps in the short term because the people have more food per person, which means more people are living, which raises the population. But if we stop giving aid, the food per person is even less than it was in the beginning. We can teach them how to grow more food and give them equipment."

The two authors of this analysis were 13 years old.

Draper said STELLA has brought "an amazing transformation" to his classroom. His students cover more material, faster. By May last year, they had completed all the lessons planned to last until June. "Facts are now anchored to meaning through the dynamic relationships they have with each other," he said. "In our classroom, students shift from being passive receptacles to being active learners."

"To paraphrase George Bernard Shaw, we now have students in search of knowledge, not knowledge in search of students," Draper said.

Teacher Paul Reese, a 21-year veteran of a school in central Harlem, New York City, has witnessed a similar transformation at the Ralph Bunche School since his computer students began using new interactive teaching machines. The 700 kids there come mostly from low-income families living in a relatively stable housing project in Manhattan. "The school has many of the stresses of an urban area," Reese said. "But there's a core of solid students who perform very well"-particularly when they get a chance to use the school's 45-50 computers, or the 32 machines the school loans to students for work at home.

Classes start at 8:40 a.m. On most days by 8:15, there's a traffic jam at the computer keyboards, Reese said.

One program developed by the Bank Street College of Education in New York, a pioneer in educational software, allows up to four separate teams of elementary school kids on four computers to pretend they are ship crews far from each other at sea. The crews in separate rooms communicate by typing messages on their keyboards while monitoring an on-screen chart generated by the computer. They have to agree on where to meet—specifying



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longitude and latitude—and then chart correct courses for the rendezvous.

If elementary school children can handle naval simulations, can business software be far behind? No, Reese said. His classes already are setting up databases rivaling those used in corporations. One fifth grader, who resisted all efforts to write anything with paper and pencil, learned word processing on the computer one day and immediately began to write on his own for the first time all year. "The computer empowered him," Reese said.

The number of learner-controlled simulation programs is small compared with the now-traditional shoot-'em-up games. But the field is growing. With available software today, children can design and run their own city (SimCity, Maxis Software, Morgan, Calif.) or their own 19th-century railroad (Railroad Tycoon, MicroProse, Hunt Valley, Md.). They can adopt an Irish immigrant family in 1850 (Immigrant, Sunburst Communications, Pleasantville, N.Y.) or write an original song (Song-Smith, Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Mass.).

As power flows to the students, do teachers lose it? Software experts say that the new teaching machines often do change teachers' roles. They don't stand in front of the class and lecture as much of the time. "I'm much more likely to stand with three or four students in front of their computer," Reese said, "or tell a child to move over and let me sit down 'cause I'm the old person."

But discipline isn't a problem, according to Reese and other teachers. Kids are too interested in computers to throw spitballs. That's important to Reese because he knows when they're interested they'll stay in school. When they stay in school, tomorrow looks a little more interesting for them and all of us. And that's the best feedback loop America could hope for.



"Miss Kirk, if George Washington never told a lie, how did he ever win an election?"

CANCER

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Colony-stimulating factors are natural substances that increase the body's production of certain kinds of cells. They're potentially important in cancer therapy because they may allow doctors to give patients larger, more effective doses of anti-cancer drugs without depleting the body's essential white blood cells.

Oncogenes, first identified less than a decade ago, are now clearly known to be the genes that cause cancer. In a fascinating piece of biomedical detective work, scientists have learned why oncogenes are present in every cell: They're essential for normal growth and development. The importance of that discovery was emphasized by the award of the 1989 Nobel Prize in Medicine to the two researchers who made it, Drs. J. Michael Bishop and Harold Varmus of the University of California at San Francisco.

Some oncogenes tell cells to grow and migrate so that an embryo develops

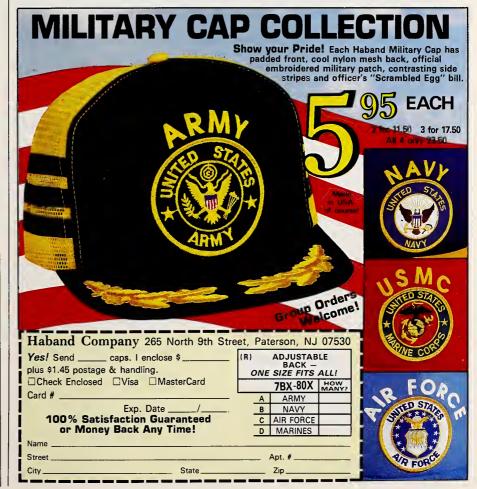
into a complete human being. That done, they switch off. Other oncogenes govern similar basic functions of adult cells. Cancer occurs when several of these genes are mistakenly switched on or otherwise begin to malfunction, producing malignant tumors.

"Laboratories are now turning out approaches to the genes that control cancer—materials designed to be complementary to those genes and to turn them off," DeVita said. "What better way to stop cancer than to stop the genes that start it?"

Moving this basic knowledge from the laboratory to the clinic will be a huge logistical problem, he noted. Meanwhile, patients can help themselves by enrolling in advanced treatment programs. For information about these programs, call the National Cancer Institute toll free at (800) 4-CANCER.

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RUNAWAYS

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Timmy, a wisp of a 15 year old who prowls Santa Monica Boulevard, simply shrugs when asked if he's a prostitute. "What do you want and how much do you got?" Nothing, he adds, is out-of-bounds, if the price is right.

"I'll only do that when I'm broke," offers Laurie, a runaway who can't be over 15 but who claims to be 17. "Mostly I get enough spare-changing. I hate whoring. It's scary. You never know about the dudes who pick you up."

"Most street kids are involved in prostitution at least some of the time," explained DeCrescenzo, who added that adult males serve as the customers for boy and girl runaways alike. "The kids are not prostitutes. This is what we call survival sex," Yates said. "They're doing it for food or a roof over their heads. Sometimes for drugs."

Drug abuse, as Yates implies, is rampant among Hollywood's runaways. According to officials at Children's Hospital, one in five has a serious problem, but virtually all use and abuse drugs and alcohol whenever cash permits. "We party, man," said a blackleather clad boy who was sharing a pint of cheap whiskey with three friends on a Hollywood side street.

"On the whole, when the public thinks of runaways, it's sex and drugs. They're seen as 'bad kids,' teen-agers who aren't obeying their parents and ought to go home," Yates said. "That is not accurate for the kids we see. The reality is that the kids who can go home, do. Even if there's been a crisis, if there's a home to go to, the kids leave the streets once they realize what the life is like. The ones who stay aren't leaving because of a fight over the telephone bill or an 'F' on their report card. They've left for far more serious reasons and, despite the hardships they find on the street, they prefer the street.

When UCLA researchers Jack Rothman and Thomas David asked why, runaways told them more than one-third—39 percent—had been physically abused at home. Another 26 percent said they were sexually abused. And, in the most surprising finding, about half of them—46 percent—had been pushed out of their home or at least strongly encouraged to leave. "People may find it hard to believe, but more and more of these kids are what we call 'push-out' or 'throwaways,'"



DeCrescenzo said. "If they once had a home, they no longer do."

Luree Nicholson of L.A. Youth Network said kids are sometimes dropped off on street corners and handed \$50. "One told us, 'We stopped at a gas sta-

tion and I went to the bathroom. When I came out, they were gone."

"Often we call a girl's home and her parents will say, 'No, she can't come back,' "said Lois Lee, executive director of Children of the Night. "Sometimes we even get calls from parents who want us to take their children from them. It's a tragedy how we treat children in this society."

Gary Yates agreed: "A child may run away from a nice home. That's normal. But he will not stay away, once he discovers what life is like on the streets."

However, the very fact that runaways come from disturbed homes poses a problem in itself. "It makes people uncomfortable with the entire runaway issue," said Yates. "They don't like the thought that there may be a dysfunctional family living on their own block. But the statistics on child abuse and incest are clear: Most neighborhoods house at least one dysfunctional family."

Raider, the boy with the battle-hardened face, offers his own perspective. "If you think I want to be here, you're nuts. Or you think I'm nuts. Dogs live better than we do when you get down to it. But I like it here better anyway. My dad used to beat me until his arms got tired. That's the only reason he stopped. I'd go home in a second but I'm sure to die there. Here, I have a chance. Not real good. But at least I got a chance."

HOPE FOR RUNAWAYS

RUNAWAYS living on the streets miss years of school, go without required medical attention, and suffer the traumas of beatings and rapes. So is there any hope for them?

"Absolutely," said social worker Gabe Kruks, "we're seeing more and more successes. As kids age and approach 21, they're more willing to accept that they're in trouble and need help. This is a tough population to work with, but dramatic improvements are possible."

When a runaway admits the need for help, there are programs, some 20 in Los Angeles County and, nationwide, every big city has its own versions that are ready to provide shelter, food, job training, psychological counseling, and even the missed schooling. The programs impose rules: no drugs, alcohol or sex, and the kids must be willing to work. "The rules keep some kids out," admitted Teresa DeCrescenzo of the Homeless Youth Project, "but, without rules, we'd help nobody."

For the kids who accept the guidelines, "there is definite hope," DeCrescenzo said. "We just graduated a boy after working with him three years. He's a computer operator with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and goes to school part time. Another boy recently graduated after four years. He works in retail and is finishing his high school diploma. They are doing real well. Now they have a future."

PANAMA

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According to the Intelligence Committee, "Gonzalez identified Moises Torrijos as the person who had facilitated passage of the drugs through Panamanian customs." U.S. authorities concluded that Richard's diplomatic passport had also been secured through the influence of Moises, then serving as his country's ambassador to Argentina. A federal grand jury in New York, accordingly, handed down an indictment of Moises, though the indictment was sealed and its existence left carefully unpublicized.

Principal credit for bringing this situation to light goes to Rep. Murphy, who issued a statement about it in 1976 as debate about the canal intensified. Murphy revealed that there was an outstanding warrant for Moises Torrijos' arrest, and that "the State Department confirmed to me that they were fully aware of the fact that high officials in the Panamanian government were involved in the narcotics traffic." He added that a briefing team from Cus-

toms had told him "this case reached into the highest levels of officialdom and included the Panamanian foreign minister."

To say that this case had the potential for embarrassing the Panama Canal negotiations is putting it mildly. The foreign minister was the Panama official with whom Henry Kissinger signed the draft treaty in 1974. Moises Torrijos was the brother of the Panamanian head of state, successively ambassador to Argentina and Spain, and head of treaty information for his country's government. Yet he couldn't come to Washington for the formal treaty-signing ceremony in September 1977, because, if he had, he would have been arrested for drug running.

As it turned out, reluctance to publicize the problems of Moises was the least of executive branch transgressions in this case. In late 1972, U.S. Customs officials nearly had Moises in their grasp; the State Department, however, tipped him off, allowing him to evade arrest.

"In December 1972," according to the Intelligence Committee, "a State Department official, under instructions allegedly originating from the White House, alerted Torrijos that his brother Moises was about to enter U.S. jurisdiction in the Canal Zone. Moises was on a ship bound for Cristobal, where Customs agents were preparing to arrest him. Gen. Torrijos, allegedly acting on the information provided by the American official, contacted Moises, who then left the ship at an earlier stop."

As the battle over the canal treaties entered its conclusive phase, Sens. Robert Dole, James Allen and Jesse Helms tried to get the DEA files concerning this and other Panama drug cases turned over for inspection by Congress. These requests were stonewalled by the Carter administration. Some aspects of the files, however, were dragged out to public view, clearly suggesting that drug trafficking was rampant in official Panama.

Dole, for instance, alleged in floor debate that he had in his possession 44 specific DEA file codes concerning drugs in Panama. These included entries such as: "GF [general file] — Torrijos-Herrera-Moises"; "GF — Torrijos-Herrera, Hugo ZC"; "GF — Torrijos-Herrera, Omar"; "GF — Manuel Noriega," and so on. Also allegedly included were so-called "Deacon I" file codes pertaining to Gen. Torrijos and Cuba's Fidel Castro.

One leaked DEA report was placed in the Congressional Record by Sen. Helms. It referred to a Panamanian national with a large bank account in Miami who reportedly told a contact that "he was in partnership with Omar Torrijos... in narcotics trafficking and was attempting to purchase a transportation company that would provide a greater capability in moving narcotics through Panama for Torrijos."

Another leaked report was a summary obtained by Senate investigators, which reported a March 1974 entry allegedly saying, "Col. Manuel Noriega is the bag man for Omar Torrijos and Castro. Noriega is in charge of setting up bank accounts and laundering money. Also sets up front companies for drug operation. Noriega is alleged to be the liaison between Castro and Torrijos."

All of this — including the links to Castro, the money-laundering, et cetera — closely parallels what is now alleged against Noriega in U.S. federal court. It would appear the Panama government in general, and Noriega in particular, were doing back then precisely what they are accused of doing now. Yet action on this matter wasn't taken for 15 years; the information concerning it was covered up, and officials of our government worked to deliver the Panama Canal to the people who were

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him "to report to the American people on what steps the DEA and the Department of Justice have taken to investigate these allegations." No such report was provided. Instead, the administration launched a determined effort to make sure that Congress and the American people wouldn't know what was in the files.

In Senate debate, Dole asserted that the files had been physically removed from the main DEA headquarters "to keep this information from public purview." This charge was amplified in a memorandum prepared at the time by Senate investigators, and made available to this writer. According to this memo, the files were not only moved around, but purged of incriminating data. The memo states:

"During the week of Oct. 3 through Oct. 7, [it is alleged] agents at the Drug Enforcement Administration went through all the files which might potentially be related to Panamanian drug dealing or similar matters. [Allegedly] the files were placed in a very large room on a table, all the documents spread out and examined by a select group of agents, with six armed guards protecting the approaches to the room.

"On Friday, Oct. 7, the files were moved to the Washington field office of the DEA from the main office without any normal safeguard procedures such as receipting for the files or documents of individuals having the files . . . While the files were at the Washington field office with no documentation as to location, they were purged of especially incriminating documents, but much remains."

The DEA denied having destroyed or having removed any documents, but the mangled condition of what was finally released was self-evident testimony to the censorship that had been exerted. When the DEA turned over to Dole some 78 pages on Panama, they were so heavily censored as to be unreadable, but it was clear on the face of it that data had been blacked out to cover up for Torrijos, his family, and others in the Panama regime.

No fewer than 29 of these 78 pages, for example, referred to the Richard-Gonzalez case involving Moises Torrijos, which already was a matter of official record in the courts. Yet there was not a single reference in any of these heavily censored pages to Moises, or the fact that Panamanian officials were involved in the smuggling. One entry referred to a diplomatic passport, "issued in Panama on July 21, 1970, by" The name of the person issuing the passport — the foreign minister — was deleted.

In a similar vein, nothing pertaining to Omar Torrijos, his brother Hugo, or other Panamanian officials was in the material released to Dole. Of particular interest now, there was no mention of the March 1974 report about Noreiga, nor anything else concerning his activities.

Moreover, the charge of physical destruction somewhere along the line was fully confirmed two years ago when Ashley Landess of this writer's staff at the National Journalism Center contacted the DEA to see if we could get the unexpurgated files on Torrijos and the Panama connection. She was told that, unfortunately, the files had been destroyed.

There seems, in fact, to have been a government-wide blackout on this issue. When Ms. Landess contacted the Senate Intelligence Committee and the House Merchant Marine Committee to discuss reports they had compiled in the 1970s on drugs in Panama, she was told that such reports did not exist, even though we had — and have — them in our possession (both of which are quoted in this article).

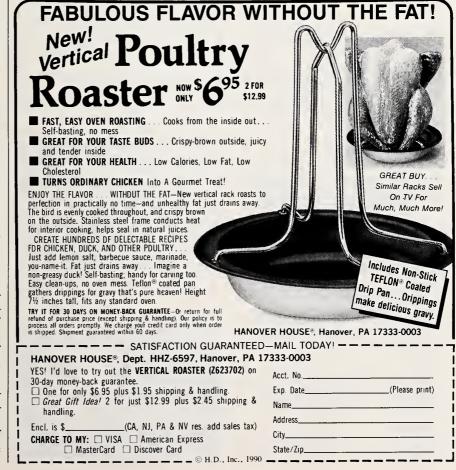
Perhaps the most serious threat to the administration's cover-up developed when Sen. James Allen, then-chairman of the Senate subcommittee on separa-

tion of powers, sought hearings to find out what was in the DEA files, and what else the administration knew about the Panama drug traffic. He had his staff draw up subpoenas ordering production of documents and other records.

According to an indepth investigative report conducted at the time by United Press International, this initiative by Allen stirred an angry response from the administration. According to UPI, "the administration enlisted help... from top members of the Intelligence Committee... to stop the Allen hearings. After what one individual described as 'the most intense pressure I've ever seen' on Allen, including threats of Senate censure, the Alabama senator backed off."

In a last-gasp effort to get the information out, treaty opponents forced a secret session of the Senate, turning off the microphones and banning staff members. While the senators heard some of the data in camera, the American people were kept effectively in the dark about the Panama connection until the treaties were safely ratified.

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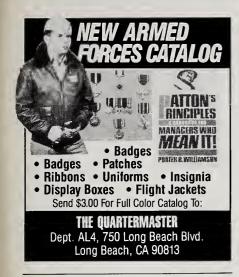
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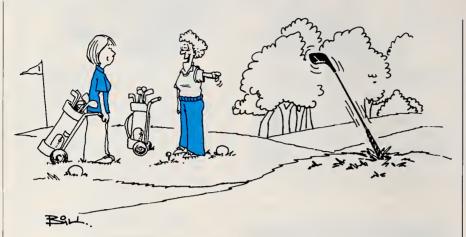
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